Record Book

Bought by Bishop William Taylor and carried by himself to the Portuguese Province of Angola, Africa in 1885. Contains his own Enrollment of the members of his first party of missionaries, and their own Autographs also. Also the Roll-Call, at family prayers, at 5.30 A.M. daily, inaugurated by the Bishop, in their first Missionary Home in Loanda, where they lived as one family, from March 18th to May 20th. 1885, at which date he selected six men, to accompany him inland, while the rest remained together in Loanda until able to go to the front; leaving in small parties at different dates, until August 5th, when the residue, mostly women and children, also went inland. A few however, returned to America from Loanda. Besides the records of Marriages, Baptisms, Ordinations, Deaths etc. it contains the inspired Minutes of all the District Conferences held during the entire administration of Bishop Taylor (12 yrs.). These have never been published.

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Baptisms.

Name of child or person.	Age.	N. of Parents.	Occup
Arthur.	Born Dec 21. 83.	Ross & Ada Ellen Taylor.	Mis
Hattie Annie.	Dec. 6th 1884.	" "	
Edna Maria	March 8th 1876.	Wm H. & Minnie Mead.	"
John Howard,	Oct 30th 1878	" "	"
Luther Samuel	April 19th/80.	" "	"
William Josiah,	Sep. 23. 1882.	" "	"
Julia	Nov 30. 1883.	" "	"

All baptized by me in our "hired house" in Loanda on sabbath the 26th of April, 1885.

William Taylor. B'p.

Taylor Withey Mead born at Malange son of Wm. H. and Minnie A. Mead was baptised by me at Malange

William Taylor. Bishop.

Charles Dodson Mead, born at Canandua, Pungo Andongo, May 11th 1890, son of Wm. H. and Minnie A. Mead, was baptised by me at N'hangue-a-Pepo, on Sabbath the 7th of September 1890.

William P. Dodson.
Minister of the Gospel.

Wesley Fletcher Shields. born in Pungo Andongo. Nov. 22nd. 1892 son of Robert and Lizzie Whiteside Shields was baptized by me in the M. E. Chapel in Pungo Andongo on Lord's Day Jany. 8th 1893.

Amos E. Withey minister of the Gospel

Ellen Dodson born at Quihongoa, Tuesday April 17th 1894, daughter of Wm. P. and Catherine M. Dodson was baptised by me in the Chapel at Quihongoa, Sunday June 3rd 1894.

William Taylor
Bishop of Africa

John Charles Shuett born at Quihongoa Feby. 27 1895 of John W. and Mary B. Shuett was baptized by me in the chapel at Quihongoa. Lord's day a.m. April 28 1895. in the presence of the congregation. principally natives

Amos E. Withey.
Minister of the Gospel.

Amy Irene Dodson born at Quihongoa October 12th 1895, daughter of Wm. P. and Catherine M. Dodson, was baptised by me in the Chapel at Quihongoa Sunday January 5th 1896

Charles W. Gordon
Minister of the Gospel

Robert Dodson Shields born at Pungo Andongo Sept. 24 1896 first born son of. Robert and Louise Raven Shields, was baptized by me in our mission home at Pungo Andongo monday a.m at our 4 1/2 o'clock service, the Holy Spirit being graciously present Nov. 23rd 1896.

Amos E. Withey
Presiding Elder

Florence Eliza Gordon born at Cannandua Oct. 22 1896. daughter of Chas. W. and Jennie May Gordon M.D. was baptized by me in our mission home at Pungo Andongo, Monday a.m. at our 4½ a.m. Service Nov. 23rd 1896.

Amos E. Withey
Presiding Elder.

Alasther Mackenzie born at Pungo Andongo Oct. 14 1898. son of William Patterson and Catherine Mackenzie Dodson was baptized by me in the chapel at Pungo Andongo. Lord's day a.m. Dec. 18th 1898

Amos E. Withey

Names
Father — Thomas N. Johnson
Mother — Charlotte E. "
God Father — George B. Terry
" Mother — Francisca José Da Silva
Child's name — Adella Lucretia Johnson
born on the 20th of october 1892
Baptized Sept 20th 1893. at the american mission in Loanda
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St Paul de Loanda.
Angola. W.C. of Af.
March 22/85.

On this day our first Sabbath in Angola I organized formally a Methodist Ep. Church composed of our Missionary Band & workers. The following are their names.

(Wm Taylor. Bp.
Joseph Wilkes, of the Liberia An. Conf.
Ross Taylor " Sailed for home Ap. 30th 85
Clarence L. Davenport, Liberia An. Conf.
Levin Johnson " "
Wm R. Summers. MD " "
(Amos E. Withey.) " "
Mrs Emily Mary Wilkes
" Ada Ellen Taylor. Sailed from Loanda 30th Ap.
Samuel J. Mead
Mrs Ardella R. Mead.
" Irene Withey.
Wm H. Mead.
Mrs Minnie Mead.
George B. Mackey. Sailed for home Ap 30th 1885.
Mrs Mary R. Myers Davenport, M.D.
Wm P. Dodson.
Charles W. Gordon.
" L. Miller. Died in Loanda, May 7/85.
" Murray McLean.
" A. Ratcliffe.
" G. Rudolph.
Albert Arthur.
Hêli Chatelain.
By cert. Ap 1st. 85 Henry D. Kelly.

Juvenile wing of the Church.

Nellie Mead -	age 16	years.	Prob.
Edna Mead "	9	"	"
John "	7	"	"
Samuel "	6	"	"
Willie "	3	"	"
Julia "	1	" 4 months.	
Bertha Mead	13	"	Prof.
Herbert C. Withey	12	"	"
M'Estella "	10	"	"
Lottie M. "	8	"	
Flossie S. "	6	"	
Agnes Wilkes	10	"	Prob.
Roy Taylor,	6.	" Went with parents Ap 30	
Willie "	4	" " " " "	
Arthur "	2	" " " " "	
Hattie "	0	3½ months.	

Branch organization at Mayumba.

Henry M. Willis.
Mrs Annie "
Fred B. Northam.
Carl Steckelman. Prob.
Infant - Simpson Willis.

Quaker Wing

Rev Levi D. Johnson M.D.
Miss Delia Reese.

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First District Conference.

St. Paul de Loanda, April 30th 1885.

The first session of the District Conference South Central Africa Mission was called this morning by Bishop William Taylor, immediately after Café, about 7 o'clock. Present, A. E. Withey, Irene Withey, Joseph Wilkes, E. M. Wilkes, Wm. H. Mead, Minnie Mead, Saml. J. Mead, Ardella Mead, C. L. Davenport, Mary M. Davenport, Dr. Wm. R. Summers, Heli Chatelain, C. W. Gordon, C. A. Ratcliffe, Chas. G. Rudolph, Levin Johnson, C. M. Mc. Lean, Wm. P. Dodson.

On motion of Bro. A. E. Withey, Bro. Wm. P. Dodson was chosen Secretary. The Bishop opened the exercises by reading, with remarks upon the 20th chapter of the Acts, from the 17th to the 38th verse, followed by prayer.

It was then determined that this District Conference should be constituted of all the adult members of this Missionary Expedition male and female, the list of membership as above.

Committee

On motion of Bro. Willie Mead, the Committee on examination of candidates for local preachers license was continued. Committee composed of Bros. Joseph Wilkes and A. E. Withey.

The Bishop then read that section of the discipline anticipating the literary and religious exercises of a District Conference, and Sister Mary Myers Davenport and Bro. Levin Johnson were constituted a committee agreeable thereto with power to act.

Bishop's Address

Bishop Taylor then made an address including many instructive and encouraging suggestions, in which he reviewed the extent and importance of the great work begun in this germ of future conferences, the field extending as it does from the Congo to the Zambezi River, and from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean, including more millions of souls, than does either England or the United States.

Literary Exercises

The Committee on Literary and Religious Exercises retired for a moment, and returned with the selection of Dr. Summers to lecture befor the Conference at its next meeting, upon the subject of the Kioko people and their customs.

Hours of Conference

A motion was made by bro. Withey that our meetings of Conference be called at five and a half o'clock in the morning motion unanimously carried.

Brother Withey then led us to the throne of grace in humble and fervent petition for the success of God's work in our hands and the maintenance of "Holiness to the Lord", prayer concluded by the Bishop. On motion, Conference adjourned to meet at 5½ o'clock tomorrow morning.

Wm. P. Dodson, Secty.

St. Paul de Loanda, May 1st 1885.

Opening Exercises

Second session of the District Conference, South Central Africa convened this morning at the call of Bishop Wm. Taylor, at 5½ oclock. Exercises opened by Bro. Levin Johnson, reading a part of the 11th chapter of Acts, singing "It is good to be here", followed by prayer. While awaiting the arrival of Dr. Summers, a little time was spent in religious exercises. Minutes read and approved.

Lecture by Dr Summers

The principal feature of this mornings session was the entertainment and instruction upon the subject of the Kioko Country by Dr. Summers, reading extracts from the travels of Capello and Ivens, showing the fact that the Kiokos are well disposed toward the reception of the white man, their king Iambo and his many amusing characteristics. At 6¼ o'clock, on motion of Bro. Withey Conference took recess for Café, after which, the reading by the Doctor was resumed.

Conference adjourned at 8.45

Wm. P. Dodson,

Secty.

St. Paul de Loanda, May 2nd 1885.

Opening Exercise

Third session of District Conference convened at call of the Bishop 5½ o'clock this A.M.

Religious exercises conducted by Bro. W. H. Mead, reading 34th Psalm and singing. Prayer by Bros. Mead and Withey, concluded by Lord's prayer by the Bishop.

Minutes approved

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Committee reports were next called for and the Committee on S.S. Work reported as follows:-

"Report of the S.S. Supt. of the Bishop Wm. Taylor Expedition"

Report of S.S. Supt

Number of Teachers: 2; Number of Scholars, 10.

"The work of instructing the children of our party in religious knowledge was intrusted by the party to Sister Ardella Mead and Bro. C. A. Ratcliffe. The Committee has found its work to be a very pleasant one. All of the children profess a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and take great interest in spiritual matters. The study of the Bible seems to be very attractive to some of the children, and one of our methods was to announce a topic for the Sunday School Lesson, and let the children look up texts on the subject. The meetings were times of great blessing to both teachers and scholars. In the daily classes of the children, religious exercises and studies were frequently held in addition to the ordinary lessons. After the Bishop joined our party, on Feby. 22nd 1885, the Sunday School received a talk from him at each meeting, which appeared to interest them very much. We are very hopeful for our scholars, they love the name of Jesus, and are always ready to sing or pray to Him. We believe that numbers of the native children here in Loanda will come to Sunday School as soon as we are ready to teach them"-

Report received and on motion adopted.

Report Com. on Education

The next report was that of "Committee on Education" as follows:-

"On Jany. 22nd 1885 on board the Steam Ship "City of Montreal", Brother W. P. Dodson was appointed teacher in Phonetics for the adults, members of the party, and Sister Ardella Mead and Brother C. A. Ratcliffe were appointed a committee to superintend the education of the children

The voyage across the Atlantic and the Bay of Biscay being rather rough, neither teachers nor scholars came together often. After reaching smoother water, work was regularly commenced, Bro. Dodson reports that his class made good progress in the study of Phonetics, the work being continued until our arrival at St. Paul de Loanda.

After leaving Madeira, the children's class commenced regular work. The distractions of ship life being numerous, it was found hard to hold the attention of the children for more than an hour a day, consequently, the amount and variety studied were not great, the work being confined to the study of Phonetics, the Catechism and the Holy Scriptures.

"In all these branches the children were quick to learn, and appeared to enjoy their class. In phonetics, some of the scholars made considerable progress and, toward the end of the voyage, it was considered advisable to divide the class, Bro. C. W. Gordon consenting to teach the younger ones".

"During the voyage Brother Mackey held a class for the study of music, which was attended by about six members of the party".

"Sister Ardella Mead also occasionally had a singing class for the children in addition to the singing exercises of the morning class".

"Arriving at St. Paul de Loanda, the entire party learnt the inconvenience of being unable to communicate their thoughts and wants, to the people about them. The Portuguese language suddenly rose in the estimation of the party, and every fresh word learnt was carefully treasured up". "Bro. H. Chatelain commenced a class for the instruction of the adults in the language, which was held every morning till about ten days ago when Bro. Chatelain had to cease on account of ill health." "The hour for the Children's Class was entirely devoted to the study of Portuguese, Bro. C. A. Ratcliffe being teacher." "So far the work has been chiefly confined to the elements of the language, but these seem clearly to be impressed on the scholars minds." "Bro. Willie Mead has commenced a class for the study of Music, and another for practice in writing and drawing."

"Sister Wilkes has also commenced a class for the study of English Branches". "All who are engaged in the teaching of the children report that they are attentive in their studies, and that they take an interest in what the teacher has to impart to them."

"There seems to be a good opportunity for establishing a school here in Loanda, to consist of two divisions, one for the Portuguese, and the other for the natives". "Up to the present, not much has been done, though a few scholars have presented themselves.

"The difficulty lies in the facts that only one of the bretheren knows sufficient Portuguese to converse with the students, and he has been sick for some days". "We hope that both of these hinderances will shortly cease by the recovery of our brother, and others becoming qualified to teach. It has not been considered advisable to use the Phonetics in the school here, but we think it will be wise to adhere to the original design of using the Phonetic Testaments in the interior".

Report received and on motion adopted.

Recommended for Local Preachers

The following were then recommended for Local Preacher's License. William Patterson Dodson, Charles Murray McLean, Charles William Gordon, Charles Alfred Ratcliffe, William Humphrey Mead.

Sabbath Services

Bishop announced Sabbath services to be as follows:- Love feast and Sacrament 7.30 A.M. Preaching by the Bishop and ordination of Deacons at 11 o'clock - Preaching by Rev. Joseph Wilkes and ordination of Elders at 4 P.M.

On motion Conference adjourned,

Wm. P. Dodson,
Secty.

Sunday May 3rd 1885.

Sabbath Services

Order of exercises for today were as follows:- Love-feast and Sacrament held this morning at 7.30 o'clock Preaching by the Bishop and ordination of Bro. A. E. Withey to the order of deacon, at 11 o'clock.

Preaching at 4 o'clock P.M. by Rev. Joseph Wilkes, and ordination of Bro. A. E. Withey as Elder by the Bishop, assisted by Revs, Dr. Summers, C. L. Davenport, Levin Johnson, and Joseph Wilkes.

St. Paul de Loanda, Monday May 4th 1885.

Opening Exercises

Fourth session of the District Conference, South Central Africa convened at 5.30 o'clock, Bishop Taylor presiding and conducting the religious exercises, which consisted in the reading of a scripture lesson and singing of a hymn.

Examination Committee

The Bishop announced the need of Committee on Examination, and appointed Rev. Joseph Wilkes examiner for the entrance examination and for the first years course of study.

Resolution on Early Rising

On motion it was resolved that we earnestly recommend our preachers at all the Stations we may establish to maintain the good habit of early rising and early morning worship which we have inaugurated since arriving in St. Paul de Loanda.

Address to Bp. Taylor

Dr. Summers then read the address of the Missionaries to Bishop Taylor on the attainment of his 64th anniversary. After its reading, it was unanimously adopted and the Secretary requested to furnish a copy to the Bishop and also to the Church papers for publication.

The address read as follows;:-

"St. Paul de Loanda, May 2nd 1885."

"Dear Bishop Taylor;-

"We the undersigned hereby desire to congratulate you on the attainment of your 64th birthday."

"There is no occasion to refer to your work and labor of love in the years past, but we pray that he who "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" may in his pleasure give you twenty six more years of life for the foundation laying of the Church of Christ, from the Congo River to the Zambezi, and from Lake Tanganyika to the Atlantic Ocean".

"While many at home are trying to belittle your work, and your methods, allow us who are on the field, to express our unbounded confidence in your plans regarding Central Africa; we believe them to be of God, and we are more cheerfully anxious and ready to follow your leadership in the execution of those plans, than we were on leaving the United States".

"Some of us have been hundreds of miles in the interior, and we see the feasibility of your intentions, while there are few difficulties likely to arise that have not been anticipated".

"Outside of their miserable fetishes, the people are without religeon, but are anxious to know of the white-man's system"

"Their country is peculiarly fertile, and not more unhealthy than many of our own States".

"Self supporting work *is* practicable, while the heart of the 'Dark Continent' is ready to receive the Saviour, and will speedily do so if we be but loyal to our King and true to his common-sense plans of aggressive work for the winning of souls".

"Of course Satan will try to hinder us in every way, both here and at home, but we need have no fear while we are wholly the Lord's and cultivate a continuously close relationship with him." "Go on William Taylor! the work is evidently the Lord's, and while co-workers together with him, we will work with you for his sake. May God give you the desires of your heart, and increase your spiritual joys with your earthly days, and at last receive you into the glories eternal, but not before ten-thousand of the children of Central Africa shall be ready to rejoice at your abundant entrance".

"We are dear Bishop Taylor
Your children in the work of the Lord"
(Signed by the whole Company)

On motion, Conference then adjourned to meet at the call of the Bishop.

Wm Taylor, Bp, Presiding

Wm P. Dodson, Secty.

Second District Conference.

N'hangue-a-pepo, Sept. 23rd 1885. Wednesday.

Second session of the District Conference of South Central Africa Mission was called by Bishop William Taylor presiding bishop, and convened at Nhangue-a-pepo, Wednesday, September 23rd 1885, present, Bishop William Taylor, brothers A. E. Withey, Wm H. Mead, Dr. Wm R. Summers, Chas. W. Gordon, Chas. G. Rudolph, and Wm P. Dodson. [Very doubtful - went to Malange in August 1885 and does not appear on the "Roll call" until April 4 1886]

Exercises opened with scripture reading by Bro. Wm H. Mead from first Corinthians 14th chapter, and was followed by prayer by the Bishop. -

Wm P. Dodson was rechosen Secretary, and the number present being few, Conference resolved itself into "committee of the whole", all concurring.

The Bishop then proceeded to state the various objects for which the Conference was called, principally two, namely, first to receive the recommendation of two candidates for local preachers license, and second, to consider the state of the Church.

He then proceeded to make a general statement as follows, with reference to the church.

"There are left at the front thirty one missionaries after all subtractions are made". Reviewing the treasury he said; - "Financially the Lord has anticipated and supplied our needs. We expected at first to establish a regular line of stations, and it was contemplated by the Transit Fund Committee that we could work our way into the interior without delay. We were, however, detained in Loanda five months under heavy expense, which, together with travelling expenses, used the sum of £900., all of which except about

£400. came by special providential provision

He made reference to the necessity of keeping a record of the finances, and to Brothe Withey as financial agent and representative of the Transit Fund, in which capacity the Lord has blessed him.

He then spoke of the field of missionary work as it presents itself.

He thought from present indications, that it would be well to bring several young men out next year to be preparing themselves in language, and added, that although there are already indications of opening fields, and a near prospect of going into the interior, he thought it was the Lords will for us to make haste slowly.

As to his own desire, he wanted us to plant Methodist "Banyans", reproducing and spreading in strength and influence and spiritual shelter.

With regard to schools he suggested that the boys who pay for their schooling by their service should be apprenticed for five years, and those wh pay for their schooling otherwise, would be on the bas of equivalents.

He then suggested the true idea of education and spoke of its object being to make men of boys, and not idlers or dandies.

As to our influence here he said our quiet example in the observance of the Sabbath is already affecting the people of Angola.

Under the head of temperance he said, that at their first General Conference, the Methodi

Episcopal Church took a stand against intoxicating drinks, and declared themselves in favor of total abstinance.

Our custom should be not to fight the subject, but meet it by faithful example.

The "Band of Hope" in South America, he said, is working on this gospel plan, and he advised the same plan with respect to Romanism, and repeated, "it is the Lord's plan".

The Bishop then reported the candidates for recommendation to the annual conference who were, Charles A. Ratcliffe, Wm. H. Mead, C. M. McLean, Charles W. Gordon and Wm. P. Dodson.

He stated that Brother Joseph Wilks (Pungo Andongo) the examiner was not ready to report on their examination, but would base the standing of the candidates according to the examination had formerly in Loanda, and send a written report to the Liberia Conference, continuing the regular examination in the mean time.

Bishop then stated that it would be necessary for these candidates to be passed by the District Conference, and proceeded to examine the above named candidates as far as present.

He interspersed the examination with instruction in doctrine, the plan of redimption and the way of salvation, in his own clear and unmixed way, which it is more profitable to listen to and receive into a faithful heart than to attempt discribe.

At the conclusion of his talk, the names of the candidates were taken up one by one, and all were elected to a recommendation.

Instruction followed as to the forwarding of the recommendations to Liberia Conference according to discipline, to be addressed care of Rev. C. H. Harmon, Cape Palmas, Liberia.

The next in order being recommendation for local preacher's license, the name of Brother Samuel J. Mead of Malange was presented, and he was elected by vote of the bretheren.

The name of Bro. Charles G. Rudolph was then proposed, and he also was elected to the same orders.

The matter of the proposed monthly paper was next taken up and discussed.

Bishop Taylor suggested a pioneer issue to test the matter of subscription in the United States.

He then appointed a publishing committee consisting of Brothers Withey, Dodson and Rudolph, advising that the subscription price be fixed on a reasonable financial basis, and not too high.

Certificate of baptism was then presented by the Bishop, of José, son of Benjamin de Freitas and Caroline Bastas Freitas, aged sixteen days, born August 30th 1885 and baptized September 15th 1885 St Costodios, José Souza Machado, godfather.

The Bishop then spoke upon the subject of the Lunda Country which presented itself while he was in Malange. Lunda is the locality of the noted King Mattayanwo, and a portuguese trader and member of a firm makes a trip there once a year.

He reports that there is a man in the interior of that country at work on a dictionary of the Lunda language.

Indications seem to point providentially to Bro. C. W. Gordon at Malange, to mount a bull and accompany this gentleman back to the interior, there to perfect himself in language, and as God directs, quietly prepare the way of the Lord. In view of these indications, after due deliberation and prayer, the Bishop feels moved to place Lunda on our list of appointments, and Chas. W. Gordon appointed and given six months intervening for preparation, if it shall be God's will to make the way clear.

The list of Stations and the appointments were next presented, and are as follows;-

Mamba (or Mayumba) F. B. Northam; Loanda, Charles A. Ratcliffe and Heli Chatelain: Dondo, C. L. Davenport, Mrs Mary Davenport and Chas. Murray Mc. Lean: Nhangue-a-pepo, A. E. Withey, Mrs. Irene F. Withey, Wm. H. Mead, Mrs Minnie Mead, Miss Nellie E. Mead, Wm. P. Dodson, and Chas. G. Rudolph: Pungo Andongo, Joseph Wilks and Mrs. Emily Wilks: Malange, Levin Johnson, Samuel J. Mead, Mrs. Ardella Mead. Miss Albertha Mead: Lunda (Mwata Yanvo) Charles W. Gordon: Dr. Wm. R. Summers, Medical Missionary at large.

he Bishop then gave the Conference a talk, in which e defined the office and duties of the various workers in the several stations already founded, concluding by the appointment of Bro. A. E. Withey as General Superintendent of Missions in Angola, to represent Methodism and Bishop William Taylor n his absence.

After prayer by the Bishop, on motion, Conference adjourned sine die.

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The foregoing minutes were read before the Conference, and approved.

William Taylor.
Presiding

Wm P. Dodson.
Secretary

Third District Conference

Nhangue-a-Pepo August 13th 1886

The third annual session of the District Conference of South Central African Missions was appointed to be held Aug 12th. Some of the brethren being unavoidably absent it was not opened until Aug 13th.

Conference was opened by a love feast led by the Supt. Bro A E Withey, and participated in by the brethren and Sisters, and the Children. Hymns 797 & 798 were sung and Bro. Withey led in prayer. The Holy Spirit was manifestly present and poured out love upon us and it was evidently a season of blessing to all present.

Members present Bro A. E. Withey, William P. Dodson Samuel J. Mead, Chas. W. Gordon

C. W. Gordon was chosen Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting so far as had were read and approved.

On motion by Bro. Dodson Conference adjourned at 10.30 oclock to meet at 2. P.M.

Aug 13th 2. P.M.

Adjourned meeting of the Conference was called by the Supt. at the time appointed

In addition to those present at the morning session Bro W. H. Mead arrived.

Devotional exercises consisted of: Singing "There is a fountain filled with blood" in Portuguese, reading of the 18th Chapter of Luke in Phonetics & prayer by the Supt. & Bro Samuel J. Mead

On motion by Bro. W. H. Mead. Bro A. E. Withey and Bro Joseph Wilks were appointed a Committe on examination for license to preach. Com. on Ex. of local preachers, Com. on Ex of Candidates for admission to travelling Connection, and Com. on ex. of Candidates for orders

Bro Dodson and Gordon were appointed a Committe on religious and literary excercises

The Committe on religious and literary exercises made a partial report, recommending that Bro. W. P. Dodson be invited to present to the Conference an account of his observations in the Lebolo Country, and also that Bro. W. H. Mead be invited to tell the Conference about a recent trip he had made to the Ambaca district of Angola in Company with Bro A. E. Withey and Samuel J. Mead.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 7.30 A. M. Saturday Aug 14th.

Saturday August 14th. A. M

Adjourned meeting of the Conference met at the time appointed

Members present Same as at last meeting

The business of the meeting was preceded by the Singing of hymn #796, reading of Psalm 92 and prayer

The question of appointments and how to dispose of the available force now in Angola, so as best to meet the needs of the different Stations and the desire of all Concerned, was then Considered

On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 1. P. M

Saturday August 14th. 1. P. M

Adjourned meeting of the Conference met at the time appointed

Members present Same as at last meeting.

Devotional excercises were Conducted by Bro W. H. Mead and Consisted of Singing of Portuguese hymns, and prayer

Bro. W. H. Mead then gave a Synopsis of his

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observations and experiences during his trip to the Ambaca district of Angola.

The hospitality of the native people where they stopped the first night was shown by the present of a hen and a house being placed at their disposal &c.

Bro Mead mentioned the scarcity of timber in the country through which they passed on their way to Ambaca and the abundance of iron ore which they encountered in a mountain about 4 miles from the Lucalla river

Arriving at Ambacca they were received by the chefe and his officials by whom they were entertained very hospitably

From Ambaca they went to Galunga Alto which Bro Mead described as a place of not much Enterprise, and not so heathful as Ambaca Many of the houses are in an unkept delapidated condition and the place seems to be decreasing in importance as far as the Portuguese are concerned. There are 4 whites in the town and plenty of natives

Cattle cannot be raised here on account of a fly which kills them.

The land in the surrounding valleys he described as fertile, and not cultivated much

Leaving Galunga Alto they continued on to Casengo calling at a large "fazenda" called "palmira" on the way. The proprietors received them very kindly and showed them over their extensive establishment, which included a coffee plantation, with machinery for preparing & cleaning coffee; a black smiths forge, iron foundry, corn mill, and circular saw all run by steam power. In connection with this establishment was a fine store fitted with modern fixtures, and

Bro. Dodson then made a verbal report on behalf of the publishing Committe. He said that the paper which the Bishop designed to be published at Nhangue-a-Pepo had not yet been issued, although some preparations had been made toward that end. It was not brought to completion however, principally because of press of ~~business~~ work in other lines

On motion the report of Bro Dodson was accepted

The Supt. then finished the reading of his report, which on motion was accepted by the Conference.

The committe on literary & religious excercises reported the following excercises for the Sabbath Aug 15th;-

Class meeting at 9 A.M.

Preaching by Bro A. E. Withey at 2.30 P.M.

The Supt. then read the following appointments;-

Loanda — Chas. A. Ratcliffe, Heli Chatelain

Dondo — Clarence L. Davenport, Mary R. Myers Davenport
Andrews Myers & wife; C. Murray McLean
with the priviledge of remaining at Pungo Andongo
until January 1887.

Nhangue-a-Pepo — A. E. Withey & family; W. H. Mead & family;
Wm. P. Dodson, Chas. W. Gordon

Pungo Andongo — Joseph W. Wilks & family

Malange — Samuel J. Mead & wife Bertha Mead J. H. Cooper
& family with privilege to remain at Dondo or Nhangue-a-Pepo till January 1887 C. G. Rudolph, Dr Clark Smith & family

On motion Conference adjourned to meet Monday Aug 16th at 7.30 A.M.

On the Sabbath Aug 15th a class meeting was held in the forenoon. Bro Withey opened the meeting with Singing and prayer, after which he asked Bro Dodson to read the scriptures & Bro. Gordon to lead the class. The hour was felt to be one of Searching power & blessing through the presence of the blessed Holy Ghost

In the afternoon Bro. Withey preached a good holiness sermon, taking his text from Luke 1:67, 75 which we felt to be unto Edification. A profitable prayer meeting was held in the evening. The Spirit of the Lord was present & wrought in all hearts in power

August 16th. 1886 7.30 A.M.

Adjourned meeting of the Conference met at time app.

Members present Same as at last meeting

Meeting opened with reading of Scriptures & prayer

The question as to who should have their licenses renewed was then brought up.

Bro. Samuel J. Mead said he was not prepared to pass the examination required by the discipline

Bro. Chas. A. Ratcliffe, Chas. Murray McLean, W. H. Mead, Chas. W. Gordon & Wm P. Dodson were recommended to the Liberia Conference for election to orders under the rule

Minutes of the meeting read & approved

On motion Conference adjourned Sine die

A. Edwin Withey - Presiding
Charles W. Gordon
Secretary

Superintendent's report.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! The blessings that have flowed to us who landed at St Paul de Loanda March 19th. 1885 are innumerable, but it is necessary to recount some of them, that we may not "forget His benefits".

1st Soul benefits take precedent - The reports that have Come from the different Stations Contain expressions as follows:- "Bless the Lord"! "Praise His name"! "The Lord meets with us in class meeting". "We feel the Lord is much better to us than we deserve". "I am rejoicing in the love of Jesus and feel so pleased to be in His will"
"The Holy Ghost fills my Soul with tender love"
"I praise my redeemer most of all for Salvation so pure & perfect"
"Glory to the Lamb" "All is well, thank God"! "The blessed Spirit has given us great blessings the past few days, filling us with love - we had a glorious Christmas, a wonderful feast of Spiritual things."

2nd. The health of the missionaries has been wonderfully preserved One only of our ~~Company~~ number has died during the year; Bro Henry Kelly of Liberia who was placed with Bro & Sister Wilks at Pungo Andongo, and fell asleep in Jesus Dec 25th. 1885 at 4. P.M. after an illness of one month with small pox. Bro Kelly was a native of Africa, and we rejoice to remember his testimonies in our midst, and the expressions of ardent desire for the lifting up of his colored brethren

The severe tax on the strength of Bro & Sister Wilks in watching at his bedside (being unable to obtain watchers through Contagion) of Course depleted them, but in the midst of the trial Bro Wilks writes:- "None of these things move me" "Glory to Jesus! amen."

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The acclimatizing attacks in Loanda were serious in some cases, but not more so than was expected, and indeed we have thanked Our God much that we escaped so well. None of the 12 children have died Only one has had a dangerous illness since leaving Loanda viz;- Agnes Wilks who contracted the terrible disease with which Bro Kelly died, but it pleased the Lord to raise her up/

Material Blessing:-

The Transit and Building Fund Committe have supplied us with a good outfit of necessary equipments for African Stations with subsidies of food & Cotton Cloth with which to purchase food, which we hope will be ample to assist all the stations to a self supporting basis during the coming year, some having already reached that goal Under God the stations are indebted to the Portuguese and natives also for many favors exhibiting hospitality, friendliness and interest in the success of the mission.

The Portuguese government has shown a willingness to grant all the land that can be utilized at every point

The school patronage has been variable

Loanda school began small and reached a point of Self Support when the mission was necessarily removed to another house with increased rent which rendered it otherwise.

Dondo school opened well, was subsequently reduced by removals &c, but later on increased and is now abundantly self supporting

Nhangue-a-Pepo school has had for a few months an income of about six dollars per month, but the two parties from whom it came are financially involved and the patronage is ended.

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Pungo Andongo school has suffered on account of the sickness before mentioned, but has struggled into a comfortable existence.

Malange school has not had great prosperity for various causes chiefly the lack of a teacher during a portion of the year, although a beginning has been made and about twenty dollars realized

Industrial Schools - Nhangue-a-Pepo and Malange are the only stations that can develop agricultural schools. At these stations our principles have been tried to some extent with three & four boys to their manifest improvement. These have also been used to do work of cooking & washing in the house which makes an economical arrangement

Loanda, Dondo & Malange present excellent opportunities for mechanical industries sufficient to employ the skill of all the brethren that can be spared for it, with good returns for their labor

Some of us have been permitted to inspect mechanical work going on in different places in this Province were negro boys & men are exhibiting an adaptation that is really encouraging - being employed as engineers, carpenters, masons and in running machines.

Our friends must be content with seeing these industrial schools worked up slowly. We have made some mistakes generally in the line of going too fast

The results physically of overdoing in this climate are too serious to be permitted

Our work is purely native - Seldom is any one met who speaks English outside of those who are learning it in our schools - Hence our opportunities are measured by our acquirement of the two languages; Portuguese & Kimbundu

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the latter being exceedingly difficult from lack of books from which to learn. However remarkable progress has been made in the former, and in most of the Stations regular Sabbath services are held, adapted to the various points, which are well attended, Consisting of Singing & expounding the Scriptures in Portuguese

Real Estate – Through the beneficence of a few of the Lord's dear saints good houses have been purchased at each Station except Loanda, which has the means to buy with, but the present seems not to be the time to invest on account of undue inflations from the prospect of a new rail road

Our present company of missionaries seem strong and of good Courage

Bro. Levi Johnson left for America in November

Dr Summers had a warm welcome as a physician and by practice obtained a sufficient Compensation to fit out an expedition overland to the Tschilange Country and left for that point in July

The people of Malange were looking eagerly for another American Doctor and Dr Clark Smith was placed there to supply the need his family soon following.

Dr Mary R. Myers Davenport is appreciated in Dondo as a physician and will obtain income from that Source

Bro Wm. P. Dodson although not professedly a physician has rendered valuable services in that line at Nhangue-a-Pepo.

Bro C. A. Ratcliffe has been called to England for a few months, but expects to return to his field of labor in Loanda in October.

Bro. C. W. Gordon received a Conditional appointment to the Lunda Country in 1885, but the providential leadings seem to indicate a years delay at least, and he has been at Nhangue-a-Pepo nearly 4 months to relieve the Supt. in his work.

The prospects are Encouraging - We shall succeed if "Holiness to the Lord" is upon our banners and in our hearts. Glory to God!

The instructions given us and principles laid down by our beloved Bishop while with us, have been often referred to and greatly blessed to all - "Follow after love". and the Lord help us to "quit ourselves like men".

Fourth Conference Angola Missions.

N'hangue Pepo, July 15th 1887.

Members Present

The fourth Annual Meeting of the Conference of Angola Missions assembled according to appointment, at N'hangue Pepo, Friday morning July 15th 1887, Superintendent Rev. A. E. Withey presiding. Members present; A. E. Withey, Supt. Irene F. Withey, Wm. A. Hicks, Elizabeth Hicks, C. L. Davenport, C. W. Gordon. Henley Wright, Effie H. Brannen, C. M. McLean, W. P. Dodson.

Opening Exercises

W. P. Dodson was chosen secretary. After singing the 798th hymn, Conference proceeded to partake of holy sacrament of the Lord's Supper, administered by Bros. A. E. Withey and C. L. Davenport. (The dear Holy Spirit came and owned our convening together in a manner too precious for words to express.) At the conclusion of Sacrament the Supt. was requested to announce hours for Conference sessions, and he mentioned quarter to ten A. M., 2 p. m., and 7 P. M., subject to alteration. ¶ Bro. Davenport moved that Committee be appointed to arrange for the religious and literary exercises of the Conference.

Committees

On nomination, Sister I. F. Withey and Bros. Henley Wright & C. W. Gordon were appointed. On motion it was voted that we have a committee on Miscellaneous Matters, composed of Bros. W. P. Dodson and C. L. Davenport. It was moved that Com. on Religious and Literary Exercises be requested to report a programme at the afternoon session of Conference.

Record

On request of Bro. Davenport, the record of last Conference was read. Minutes of present session were then read and approved. On motion of Bro. Henley Wright, Conference then adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Friday July 15th 1887, 2 o'clock P. M.

Devotional Exercises

Adjourned meeting of Conference convened according to appointment, at 2 o'clock P.M. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Henley Wright, who read the 656th hymn of the hymnal, which was sung. Bro. Wright then read the third chapter of Ephesians, which was followed by prayer, participated in generally. After prayer, the 679th hymn was sung. Public Worship ¶ The Committee on religious and literary exercises then reported, stating that they had simply appointed leaders of the various opening exercises, as follows; Friday evening Bro. A. E. Withey. Class Meeting at 9 A.M. Sunday morning to be led by Bro. C. L. Davenport. Preaching at 2.30 P.M., by Bro. A. E. Withey, Sunday evening service to be led by Bro. C. W. Gordon. Examining Committee ¶ Supt. Bro. A. E. Withey then appointed Bro. C. L. Davenport, C. W. Gordon and Joseph Wilks as Committee on examination of candidates for admission on trial into the travelling connection. Minutes approved ¶ Minutes were read and approved, Conference then adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock P.M.

Friday July 15th 1887, 7 o'clock P.M.

devotional Meeting

Adjourned session of Conference met at 7 o'clock. P.M. This session was one wholly devoted to devotional exercises, and was conducted by Bro. A. E. Withey (who opened the services by reading the 1st chapter of Acts. A season of praise and prayer followed which was marked by the sensible presence of the Holy Ghost. Bro. Withey read of Him and we earnestly besought his coming, and he came an manifested himself to us. At 8½ o'clock, we were dismissed by the benediction from Bro. C. W. Gordon.)

Saturday July 16th 10 o'clock A.M.

Opening Exercises

Adjourned session of Conference met, and opened with devotional exercises conducted by Bro. A. E. Withey. The 700th hymn was sung, and Herbert C. Withey read the 10th Chapter of Matthew after which, some time was spent in waiting on God.

Report from Dondo

Bro. C. L. Davenport then presented his report for Dondo Station. which read as follows;-

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Dondo Report;-

Dearly Beloved Fellow-workers: Over two years have passed since I have had the pleasure of meeting with you in Conference session. Since our appointment at Dondo Station our way has been opened up wondrously before us and we have been blessed and prospered by the Lord exceeding abundantly above all that we have asked or thought. But as the work of the year 1885-86 has been duly included in a general way by the Superintendent in his report for that year, I will speak only of the year past. Shortly after Conference we were gladdened by the appearance of an infant daughter of Bro. and Sister Cooper, but only eight days thereafter we were saddened by the death of our beloved Sister Cooper. A short time after, Bro. Cooper and child departed for England. In December our force was increased by the arrival of Sisters Hartley and Harvey. Our present force consists of Andrew S. Myers, wife and child; C. M. Mc. Lean; Helen Louise Hartley; Susie J. Harvey; Mrs. Mary R. Myers Davenport. M.D.; and myself. I can say that all things considered the workers have done nobly. The work as to self-support has been steady in some departments, in others variable. The School holds its own very well, and is gaining in influence. The two teachers, Sisters Hartley and Harvey, during the six months they have been with us have had splendid success. The mechanical department has been kept with work, and the income is steadily increasing. The medical department has met with many difficulties and is now closed, while awaiting the settlement by the Government of the question as to whether foreign physicians may practice or not in their provinces. Dondo Station has been self supporting from the first, Praise the Lord. To him be all honor and glory amen. Our mission work has been wonderfully blessed of the Lord. We have sown in weakness, but we feel he is working in power. Each Sabbath morning we have preaching and class service

In the afternoons we have Sabbath-School with an average of 75. There has been manifested a deep spirit of inquiry among those old enough to read the scriptures understandingly. Our faith looks up to God for their salvation. Besides this, we have a free night school two night in each week. Those attending are making good progress in the English which only is taught in this school. Besides this, we have been successful in the introduction of the Scriptures and tracts in Portuguese, to an extensive degree. We have had severe trials, but we do not consider that they are worthy of notice, only to mention that they have bound us closer together in love and to settle us down on the Solid Rock. We have felt the steady leadin of the Spirit of God, and feel that God is only waiting to do greater things for us. Our souls cry out for the salvation and redemption o this people. We are here to spend and be spent for God and souls. Pray for us. Yours in love and full salvation, C. L. Davenport,

Supt & P.C. Dondo Station.

On motion of Bro. C. M. Mc. Lean, the report from Dondo was accepted. Bro. Davenport read interesting letters from Sisters Davenport, Harvey and Hartley. Sister Davenport's letter was as follows;- (See letter)

Letters from Sis Davenport & others

Dearly Beloved Co-workers in Christ;- Not being able to be presen at the Conference in person, I felt drawn to send in my experience and to glorify God for his wonderful kindness and keeping power manifested toward me the past year. My testimony is "The blood of Jesus cleanses me now" I have had and enjoy at present the wonderful peace of God that passeth all understanding. The past year has been one full of blessing spiritual and temporal. When I consecrated everything to Jesu I consecrated once for all. I have never withdrawn anything. I le God take care of my experience. I have not time to stop and compa my feelings with some previous joyful experience. As one ha said, "It is a mistake to estimate devotion by the consolation which we feel. True devotion in the way of God consists in having a determined will to execute all that is pleasing to God". I find in myself an earnest longing to do the will of God. Am glad God has left us such clear guides, and that we may know what his will is. viz; His Word, His Spirit, His providences and our judgment. God sent me to Africa for a definite purpose. viz, to do my best as his agent, he supplying the means and strength, toward the salvation of Africa's 200,000,000 benighted and lost souls. I do not, and have not felt anxiously for my own soul here, I committed that to God some time before leaving America, knowing and trusting he would keep that I have committed to his care, but God has more and more laid upon my soul this year these dying souls around me. The burden is great at times, and I feel as though I had just a taste of what Jesus felt toward a lost and dying world. I count not my life dear to myself, it is for Africa's redemption. When I think at times that in thirty years these millions of Africa will have passed away, I cannot but ask myself am I doing my duty? Will the blood of any of these be required at my hand? I am asking God to help me to "redeem the time", and can say he is helping me though I get but little time for study, toward learning these languages, the barriers to efficient work among this people. I am not content to live a "quiet" moderate, easy-going missionary life", I would not live that at home, no, a thousand times no, and why here, when the ink blackness, yes, the exceeding sinfulness of sin requires constant, steady, persevering, self-sacrificing work for Jesus. I had rather have five years of this life than thirty of the easy-going kind These words spoken by a veteran missionary have favorably impressed me as to his ideal of a missionary hero (or heroine) My ideal of a missionary hero is this; One, who with no self assertion, or thought of superiority over the least or the last of his fellow laborers, renders a healthy, cheerful humble service; with entire self-surrender and consecration of body, soul and spirit. One whom no subtle allurements or depressing forces of this service among the heathen in a tropical climate, nor even the advice and languid, spiritless example of his associate in the work, suffice to cool, or weaken or hinder or divert."

As far as self support is concerned, I love to work on this principle more and more, would not work any other way. I earnestly desire your united and individual prayers that the sweet will of God may be done in and through me.

"I worship thee sweet will of God
And all thy ways adore
And every day I live I seem
To love thee more and more"

Your sister in the Work of Africa's redemption,
Mary R. Myers Davenport M. D.

Sister Harvey's letter read as follows;-

To the bretheren in the Lord and coworkers in this part of his vineyard; Christian greetings to you all, and though not personally acquainted with some, and not permitted to be present with you in person, I am with you in spirit, and join you in your desires for the Angola work, also in your petitions to him, who can in spite of the opposing forces of the enemy, bring salvation to this dear lost people, even through the feeble efforts of his chosen vessels here. While I write there comes upon me such a deep sense of our duty as well as our privilege of being fully saved and "filled with all wisdom and spiritual understanding" O that each one may have on the whole armor of God. Then our labors cannot be in vain, and then we shall see our "desire upon our enemies", the enemy of souls, and see the knowledge of God possess this people. My heart is melted to thankfulness that the precious blood of Jesus cleanses me now. Because of my unfaithfulness, I have been in some dangerous places lately, and trials which seemed more tha

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I could ever pass through, but truly, "The mercy of the Lord endureth forever." My all now is upon the altar. I am climbing higher and higher above the things pertaining to this life, and through his condescention, the Lord is showing me more of the riches of his love and the unsearchable depths of his wisdom. "My highest place is lying low at my Redeemer's feet." I believe that I realize fully that I am not my own, but indeed bought with a price. Praise God, the price has been paid! My eyes are fixed upon the Prize. This is enough to engage my every power. As the weight of the dear lost souls increases, I am enabled to rely firmly upon God's grace to keep me in a perfect service to him and to those for whom Christ died, arose, and now agonizes before the Father. As Africa has invited me, her people are upon my heart and for her I would live and die. I need your prayers.

Your unworthy sister, S. J. Harvey.)

Sister Hartley's letter read as follows;-

Dearly beloved Brethren and Fellow-Workers in the Lord; By the grace of God today I am enabled to testify that I am "all for Jesus". Jesus is my complete salvation. I have the peace which passeth all understanding; which flows as a river, quiet and deep and full - fuller and deeper and broader as it goes. My soul rejoices in the Lord. In my innermost heart there is a great gladness, because the Lord Jesus Christ dwells and abides with me continually. I am glad and content in my work. Glad to be in Africa, glad to wait his will concerning me, glad to know that whatever comes to me, *it* *is* *all* *good*, because my Father sends it and He *knows*. More than ever I feel my *weakness* and my *need* and *more* *than* *ever* I find that "In the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength". He is my Refuge. I trust that your meeting together may be the means of much strength and help to you all, and that all matters may be conducted in a manner pleasing to God. I praise the Lord for the way he is leading us in our work at Dondo, More and more I feel the responsibility and importance of the work, and I feel that it is for us to be up and doing, for us to redeem the time. Pray for us that we may walk in the Spirit, and ever be true to our trust. With much love, and warmest christian greeting to all, I remain your sister, cleansed by the precious blood, kept by his mighty power,

(Yours in the love of Jesus, Helen Louisa Hartley.)

Minutes Approved

The minutes were then read, and there being no objections, were approved. On motion of Bro. C. W. Gordon, meeting adjourned to the afternoon session.

Saturday July 16th 2½ P.M.

Devotional Exercises

Conference opened with devotional exercises conducted by Bro. C. M. McLean. The 705th hymn was sung, followed by the reading of a part of the 14th chapter of St. Luke, after which, a season was spent in praise and prayer. The 706th hymn was sung, after which, regular business was taken up. ¶ Bro. Henley Wright presented his report as local preacher which was accepted. His report read as follows: "To the annual meeting of Angola Missions; - I started from Silver City, New Mexico, Nov. 14th 1886. I met Bishop Taylor in Liverpool, Eng., and he appointed me to Nhangue Pepo. I have preached three times since leaving Silver City, and have taught the white children of N'hangue as a Sabbath School most of the time since I arrived here. I had charge of the colored boys for a short time but desired to come to the house. I went to Pungo Andongo after Sister Brannen, and had a pleasant visit with Bro. Wilks. I have not done any native work yet, but want to do more soul work for God. I hope that he has used my work for good to his cause.

Henley Wright, Local Preacher."

Report of Henley Wright

Recommendation Henley Wright

After the report, Bro Wright retired, and after being passed by the Conference as to character, the Committee reported favorably upon his examination, and on motion of the committee, he

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was recommended to admission on trial into Liberia Conference. Bro. Withey then read a letter from Bro. Wm. H. Mead's ~~letter~~ from Malange (as follows;- To the bretheren in Conference to assemble at N'hangue Pepo, July 15th 1887 of the American Missionaries of Angola under Bishop William Taylor, Dear Brethren I have thought much of being with you at the above meeting, have looked to God and prayed that his will be done in regard to my going to Conference, as it would seem good that we might thus face to face get nearer together and understand each other better than otherwise we could - I feel that we ought to be very low before God, and in humility, with all that is of self gone, look to God, look to God, and trust him to lead us in his ways. Glory to God, my soul greatly rejoices in him as I write. Through the precious blood of our Saviour, by his Spirit the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven to lead us in his holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives, the free gift of God to all who receive it by faith and enter by faith into this grace wherein we stand by faith and walk by faith, and are kept by the power of God through faith Not at the end of and beyond faith and without it, but living by the faith of the Son of God, wrought in our souls, and out through our bodies in lively exercise to the glory of God, and ours, counting all things but dung that we may win Christ. It seems clear to me this morning that I must stay here, and be present with you only by means of this writing, as a number of us are somewhat ailing in body, and God does not seem to say "go."

Wm. H. Mead.)

Letter from W. H. Meade

Malange Report

Next followed Bro. S. J. Mead's letter and report for Malange (See Report) as follows;- To my Brother Missionaries in Conference at N'hangue Pepo; Greeting. All is well. Thank God for grace that comes through the obedience to the faith of the Son of God our Saviour. As I cannot be with you in body, I pray God to let the Spirit of love that shines in Jesus rest upon you all, causing you all to more, ask in God. I wish to give testimony in your presence of God's love and mercy over us in the past year, and that we can today speak the name of Jesus in love and joy. All glory to God be given, the outlook grows brighter and brighter. Our school has increase and promises much good under the care and teaching of Bro. Chatelain he also having a class in French, English, Portuguese and M'bunda. The two latter branches are taught gratis, the others being a great help in self-support. Dr. Reid and Bro. Shields the Lord has blessed in the work, the doctor having a good practice &c. Bro. Shields is making good progress in the languages, and will soon be able to teach in M'bunda and Portuguese.

Malange Report.

How many schools have you? Ans, 3. How many male teachers? Ans. 1 – How many female teachers? Ans, 2. How many scholars male and female; Ans. 30. In how many branches are they taught Ans, English, Portuguese and M'bunda. What are your rate of tuition for each grade and department? Ans, Optional. What is the semi-annual income of your mission? Ans, Fifty to one hundred milreis. What salary is paid to each teacher or preacher or other worker? Ans, Not any. What rents are paid and what sum for each room or building? Ans, Not any. Have you regular religious exercises in the school such as prayer, reading and expounding the scriptures, exhortation &c? Ans. We have. Have you a church? Ans; Room in Mission house. Have you regular preachin and in what language? Ans; M'bunda, Portuguese and English How often and by whom? Ans; Every Sabbath, by Heli Chatelain and Wm H. Mead and members of the Mission. Have you a Sunday School Ans; We have. How many scholars? Ans; 30 to 50. What real estate an other property does the above named Society own in your Station & what is its present condition and worth? Ans; – Mission house in poor condition; Mission house and grounds worth $500.00. There is a fire proof roof on the walls of the west end of the Mission house, which will greatly advance the value of the mission property. What general intelligence have you to communicate? Ans; The ~~[illegible]~~ Kinghundu school has been very successful and beneficial. We need books and some printing done, and would suggest to the Conference to take some action that would bring this about. S. J. Mead.

Loanda Report

Loanda Report then followed - We hope to be in our house in about two weeks. There is not much more to be done. We are in a good position for Mission work. We get 30 or 40 daily to our free school. Last Tuesday we had 50 to our morning service. The Lord blesses us, praise his name.

C. A. Ratcliffe, Supt.

Support in Pungo Andongo

Extracts were then read from a letter of the Bishop concerning Bro. Wilks and Pungo Andongo. Bro. Wilks reported in May that self-support from school teaching was not to be had in Pungo Andongo, but with an increase of stock in his store to the amount of $200.00, he felt assured of self-support from negociating, or by resort to farming. Bro. Withey forwarded this to the Bishop, who wrote in reply saying he had recommended the Committee to grant the appropriation of $200.00

Recommendation for Orders

Bro. C. L. Davenport moved that Bro. Henley Wright be recommended to election to deacon and elders orders at the next session of the Liberia Conference, under the missionary rule, which was carried. The minutes were then read, and there being no objection, were approved. On motion Conference adjourned and benediction was pronounced by Bro. Davenport.

Minutes approved

Saturday July 16th. 7 o'clock P.M.

Prayer Meeting

Our Superintendent Bro. A. E. Withey having been taken with a slight attack of fever, there was no regular session conducted but a meeting for praise and prayer led by Bro. W. P. Dodson.

Sunday July 17th 1887 - 9 am.

Public Worship

According to appointment, the services for the day were conducted as appointed. class meeting was held, and led by Bro. C. L. Davenport. A hymn was sung from the hymnal and

followed by reading of the 1st chapter of Joshua. This meeting prove
to be one of great profit and of heart searching before God, who place
his seal upon it by the presence of the dear Holy Spirit. In conclusi
a hymn was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Bro. Henley Wrig

Sunday July 17th 1887 - 2½ P.M.

Preaching service was held at this time as appointed, the Lord being gracious to us in the rapid recovery of Brother Withey from fever. Services opened with singing from the hymnal, and the reading of a part of the 25th chapter of St. Matthew. Impressive prayer followed, after which Bro. Withey announced his text, the 20th & 21st verses of the 17th chapter of John. "That they may be one, as thou Father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou has sent me." We had waited much on God, that the Holy Ghost would possess Bro. Withey at this time, and our prayers were realized in the sermon that followed, which was delivered in such love and power, that we felt it indeed to be a message from God. After prayer, Bro. Withey dismissed with the benediction.

Sunday, July 17th 1887. 7 P.M.

The devotional exercises of the evening were conducted by Bro. C. W. Gordon. After the singing, Bro. Gordon read the scriptures, when some time was spent in praising God for his presence and blessing. The meeting was informal and family altar like, and was a fitting ending of a day of such sweet communion and precio instruction from our Heavenly Father.

Monday July 18th 1887, 10 A.M.

devotional Exercises

Adjourned session of Conference met this morning and was opened by the Superintendent, Rev. A. E. Withey by singing, "Bless the Lord my soul". Bro. Davenport then read the 92nd and 93rd Psalms, which was followed by a most restful season of waitin on the Lord.

Publishing Committee

Conference then proceeded to business and the Superintendent announced the publishing committee to be

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the same as that appointed by the Bishop, namely, Bro. A. E. Withey W. P. Dodson and C. G. Rudolph. Discussion Some conversation upon the appointments was then had, after which Bro. Davenport requested that next session of Conference meet at Dondo, upon which Bro. Henley Wright made a motion to that effect which was carried, the Superintendent stating that he would be influenced in the matter by the judgment of the Bishop. Minutes were then read and approved. Adjournment On motion of Bro. Henley Wright, Conference adjourned to meet at 3½ o'clock. Bro. Wright then dismissed with the benediction. Monday July 18th 1887. 3½ P.M.

Devotional Exercises Adjourned session of Conference met and was opened by reading of the 6th chapter of Ephesians by Bro. Henley Wright, and was followed by a season of prayer. Report of Superintendent The Supt. Bro. A. E. Withey then presented his report. (See Report) (Minutes of Saturday evening and Sunday were next read and approved). Appointments The Superintendent then read the appointments. Conference then bowed and devoutly thanked God for his presence and blessing throughout. Minutes approved The minutes were then read and approved. Adjournment On motion Conference adjourned "sine die" The doxology was then sung, after which the benediction was pronounced by the Superintendent

Wm. P. Dodson, Secty.

"Superintendent's Report"

Praise the Lord! Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. His paths have dropped "fatness" and again we come to report his goodness, love and pity, and what he hath wrought in Angola during the past year. (My own heart magnifies the Lord greatly. In no previous year of my life have I been made to realize the love of God by the Blessed Holy Ghost as much as in the one just closed. He has revealed his glorious character more clearly. He has filled my heart with sweet content: He has graciously brought my family through sicknesses and preserved them all alive unto this day. The last six months have been specially crowned with favors. The fellowship and communion with the Father, Son and Holy Ghost have been increasingly real and intimate, and the assurances that the God of peace has been working in me, to will and to do of his good pleasure, have never been stronger. "I love him, I admire him" were the word of Bishop Taylor before a large audience just before leaving America, in speaking of Jesus whom he was going to Africa with, and my heart says the same with all its strength. The last months of increased blessing have a sequel. First;- Some reinforcements came to us full of the Holy Ghost. Second;- The Spirit moved our hearts to dismiss our hurry and drive, and "wait on the Lord." Third;- We implicitly obeyed the voice of the Spirit in all things. "Seek ye first," (not self-support), but "the kingdom of God and his righteousness," "and "all these things", self support &c "shall be added unto you", has been the command of the Lord to us, and) Like as the "ark of God" abiding in the house of Obed-Edom, "blessed his house and all he had", so we have found at Nhangue a Pepo Station that under the outpourings of the Holy Ghost, more progress has been made toward self-support in the last six months than during the whole previous time that we have spent in Africa. A further result of these outpourings has been great increase of love for the natives. Our observation is, that "caste" does not die in any heart until it is destroyed by the Holy Ghost, and that real love, longsuffering, patient, bearing all things, (dirt, rags, laziness and stupidity) cannot exist and be exercised until He sheds it abroad. How heartily, with this love flowing we have been able to say to many a black man "Panga yami" (my brother) and have sincerely felt that "God that made the world and all things therein, hath made of one blood all nations of men".

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A further result also, is the solid conviction the Spirit has wrought, that "Unless the Lord conduct the plan, the best concerted schemes are vain, And never can succeed". (Nehemiah's experience in wall-building, doing it exactly as the Lord instructed him, and refusing to come down for any "side shows", and unintimidated alike by ridicule or threat or troublous times, has had its forcible instruction to us. The great danger of teaching men to be more skillful in fighting God, and of puffing them up with knowledge, and sending them on false scents for the way of life; by simply aiming at their minds, and their minds remaining unchanged, because the Holy Ghost who alone can convince of sin &c, cannot have an unobstructed channel through us to their hearts, is an appalling danger, that ought to stir every missionary to examine himself and see if he is in the faith, and bring him to Jesus feet like unincumbered Mary to "learn of him.")

Another thing has been to call attention to "the simplicity there is in Christ", from which Paul feared his spiritual children would be subtily "drawn away". It is impossible to realize the simplicity of this native population without coming in direct contact with them, and I fear that some of our efforts have resulted in overloading them, so that they have not been able to digest what was given. The Blessed Spirit has filled my heart many times in preaching a little sermon he gave me for the natives, (N'Gana, N'Zambey wa-waba) Ngana Nzambi, uauaba God is good, which is as near as we have yet got, to "God is love", in their tongue. We have followed John Wesley's line of preaching, this wherever we have found the people - in their villages, in the cattle yard, the adobe yard, on the road and in our Mission. Considerable teaching has been done throughout the Stations in the presentation of the truth by the parables through chart illustrations, story of the first pair and their fall from God's favor through a single act of disobedience. All of which are received with much attention. We have not come among fools, ("The fool hath said in his heart there is no God") The people universally believe in one God. Far from having any disposition to eat us, they treat us with much respect, and could teach many a white man lessons in kindness and interest in each others welfa Often have we been touched with their friendly greetings and the respect shown by children in meeting adults, where it is commo to kiss the hand in token of esteem. We are glad that such remarkable progress has been made by some of our missionaries in acquiring the native language with no books, and the first impression made by their rapid rolling current of similar sounds as we heard them talk, it seemed like trying to trace various drops of water in a cataract, but we find it a well constructed languag simple and tangible, not as rich as other tongues, and materia enough has been gathered at various points to enable us as soon as requisite supplies arrive, already ordered from America to complete our present printing outfit, to begin to print books of study. In our Industrial School at Nhangue a Pepo we now ha ten boys in the efficient charge of Bro. W. P. Dodson, who "watches fo their souls as one who must give account." The restraining and melting work of the Spirit has been manifest in these boys, and one of them (~~Supesiano~~ Pupriano) gives evidence of regeneration and hunger for the fulness. Not long since he came to Bro. D. voluntarily and said; "It seems to me that my heart has great desires to know all the things about Jesus". We have to record the great favor of the Lord in supplying us such an abundance of good food at Nhangue-a Pepo. During our first year it seemed impossible to find enough of the native foods in our immediate vicinity that could be bought, and we sent one hundred miles to obtain them. Of fruit, we could obtain but very little. This year the increased rains have aided in producing larger crops and the people have learned of our mission, and consequently

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they have poured in from far and near with food in such abundance, that we were obliged to turn some away, and so cheap, that we cannot raise it ourselves profitably. The same abundance has extended to fruit also for which we praise the Lord much, as it is so necessary for our health. Butter making has proved a source of considerable income at N'hangue-a-Pepo Station, which has required much labor, patience and perseverance to develope.

Our leather tanning interest which has been delayed for want of helpers, is now on the eve of developement. Our real estate has been improved, and with the addition of two sections which we hope soon to have roofed, we shall have comfortable quarters for carrying out the Lord's will as revealed to the Bishop, of making N'hangue-a-Pepo a receiving Station. A section of land ample for our needs for some time to come has been enclosed by ditches, and ploughed in readiness for the wet season. The problem of cattle for our agricultural work, has been solved during the year in a very providencial and economical way. How good it is to abide the Lord's time in all things. Two expeditions of missionaries have arrived in Angola during the year, one in December, and the other in February, and have all proved useful helpers. Bro. and Sister Arringdale and son have recently been transfered to the Congo Free State.

The death roll of the past year is as follows, viz;- Elizabeth Cooper in Dondo Aug. 18th, of African fever, with which she was attacked while in a weak condition following confinement. Sister Anina Smith in Malange Sept. 11th of Purpuera Hemorragica - Sister Nellie E. Mead in N'hangue-a-Pepo, Octo. 12th of Congestion of the brain. Willie Hicks in N'hangue-a-Pepo, May 30th of Fever.

Sister Cooper arrived with the company which reached Angola in June, and was with us but two months. Her husband, Rev. J. H. Cooper wrote; "She died in full and certain hope of eternal life". "When voice had failed, she lifted her hand and held mine up too, while she waved the christians victory over death and the grave". Sister Smith came also with the June company and hence was with us but three months. She had been a life long missionary: among the indians in Oregon in childhood, later in California, again among the Mormons in Utah, and when Africa was proposed, said she was willing to go wherever the Lord called. On the night of her death, she said, "I am fully prepared t die. Her husband Rev. Clark Smith, M. D. and her four children felt they had sustained a great loss in her death.

Sister Nellie E. Mead was the daughter of Rev. W. H., and Sister Minn Mead. Was born in Underhill, Vermont, and came to Africa with the original company under Bishop Taylor. In some letters written just before her death she declared. "I praise Jesus that his blood cleanses me from all sin". "Praise the Lord, he saves my soul. Nellie was a willing worker, with a cheerful heart, and her prayers breathed out simplicity, and earnest desire to wholly follow the Lord. Her last hours were passed in unconsciousness.

Willie Hicks aged 3, was the son of Bro. William A., and Sister Elizabeth Hicks, who came to Africa in Feby, from Newton, Mass. He also was with us but a short time, but long enough to win our hearts. He would frequently say to one and another, "I love you" "I love Jesus". On the Atlantic voyage, in the midst of winds and waves tossing the steamer up and down, he clung to his berth, and shouted, "Glory to God"! "Glory to God!" - A few days before his death he engaged my attention for several minutes in describing the anchor and cable of the steamer, which seemed to have greatly impressed his mind, and we talked of Jesus and our anchor hope: a few days passed, and the little fellow was anchored forever in the port of eternal peace.

Brother Cooper left for England soon after his wife's death with the babe, which died on the passage, and he has not returned.

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Dr. Smith also returned with his children to America in October. Two of the survivors in Angola have had dangerous sicknesses, but the Lord was pleased to raise them up. We note the fact that of all the missionaries who have come to Africa, since 1885, the number that have died is less than the number of their relatives that have died in America in the same period.

We have yet to mention that Loanda Station has been provided with an iron house brought out from England, which has been erected upon an elevated portion of the city and near the native population. The house contains sixteen rooms, and ample grounds surrounding it for church or Seminary buildings if required. The Portuguese officials kindly suspended the duties amounting to nearly $700.00, until such time as the property should be diverted to other than mission purposes. In conclusion we "raise our Ebenezer" with increased thanksgiving and joy unfeigned with love burning in our hearts for "him who loved us and gave himself for us," and shames us out of magnifying anything as a trial that any have passed through when compared with "the waters crossed" and "the dark night the Lord passed through ere he found the sheep that was lost".

Nhangue-a-Pepo, July 18th 1887.

A. E. Withey
Genl. Supt. Presiding
W. P. Dodson
Secty

Fifth Conference Angola Missions.

"Canandua Farm", Pungo Andongo, Thursday Aug. 2nd 1888

Members present

The Fifth Annual Meeting of Bishop William Taylors Self supporting Missions in Angola met at Pung Andongo, 7 o'clock A. M. August 2nd 1888, Rev. A. E. Withey Supt presiding. Members present:- Supt. Rev. A. E. Withey, Irene F. Withey, Dr. D. Reid, Chas. W. Gordon, C. Murray McLean, Helen Louise McLean, Effie H. Brannen, Wm. P. Dodson.

Opening exercises

Wm. P. Dodson was chosen Secretary, The 797th hymn of the hymnal was sung, after which, Bro. C. W. Gordon read the 62nd Psalm. The Supt. then read from 2nd. Chapter of Chronicles, 21st to 26th verses, and Acts 2nd Chapte 42nd to 47th verses, and formally opened Conference.

(He gave particular and impressive instructio upon the Scripture reading, and said he felt this session of Conference to be an important one in our history, and that its business above all things is, to "Wait on the Lord and keep his way".) He then led us before our Father's throne, for a season of praise and thanksgiving, where we tarried until ten o'clock.

This closed the first session of Conference.

Friday Aug. 3rd 1888.

devotional meeting

The second meeting of this Conference opened at 7 o'clock by singing the 316th hymn of the hymnal.

Herbert C. Withey then read the 136th Psalm, and th Supt. read the 9th Chapter of Daniel. Conference then continued to wait on the Lord, and this season abounded in instruction, heart searching and humiliation of soul unde the mighty hand of Divine Love (for exaltation in his time.)

Conference thus closed its second session at 10½ o'clock.

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Saturday Aug. 4th 1888.

Third meeting of Conference began at 7½ o'clock A. M. The 748th hymn was sung, after which the 106th and 112th Psalms were read. Bro. Withey called at once to prayer and we had another gracious outpouring of the Blessed Holy Spirit. This morning it took the form of a revelation of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and the valuation God sets on having our perfect love, what a price he payed, and what it cost Jesus, the impossibility for him to give the witness before the soul actually arrives at Jesus, and the necessity of sincere repentance at the foundation.

At the close of these holy exercises, Conference appointed as Committee on Devotional Exercises, Bro. Wm. P. Dodson, and Chas. W. Gordon and Sister Helen Louisa Mc. Lean.

Conference adjourned at 10½ o'clock.

Sunday Aug. 5th 1888.

Fourth meeting of Conference began 3 o'clock P. M. Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises was called for, and was in substance as follows:- That Sunday School Services be held at 9½ o'clock A. M. in Pungo Andongo; Preaching Service and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Canandua at 3 o'clock, conducted by Bro. Withey. The S. S. Service was interfered with providentially, and there being no suitable arrangement for Sacrament at this present, Conference is brought to its present Preaching Service. Report of the Committee was accepted. Sister Helen Louisa Mc. Lean then read the 480th hymn beginning:- "Father of everlasting grace
Thy goodness and thy truth we praise",
which was sung. Dr. L. Reid then read the 53rd chapter of Isaiah:- "Lord who hath believed our report"- W. P. Dodson then read the 481st hymn which was sung, beginning:-

"Come Holy Ghost all quickening fire".

Conference then continued some time in prayer for divine power on the preacher to preach and the hearers to hear. Bro. Withey then announced his text from 2nd Chronicles 16th chapter 19th verse: "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." The sermon was clear, plain and strong in bringing home to all our hearts the attitude of perfect hearts toward God, and God's attitude toward perfect hearts. Prayer and close searching of heart followed, and the service at length closed toward evening.

Monday Aug. 6th 1888.

Fifth meeting of Conference began about 7 o'clock A. M. a usual. Opened very informally and in singing "I'd rather be the least of those who are the Lord's alone, than wear a royal diadem and sit upon a throne". It began now to be evident, that the Holy Ghost has indeed brought us together to a pentecost rather than a Conference for the transaction of any other very especial busines and it was noticable, how comfortably souls fell in with the arrangement. With this upon all hearts, we at once presented ourselves again before God to await his will – to keep his way and keep that which his heart is interested in to bestow upon us. God evidently at this time was enabled to make himself more space in our heart We arose and were dismissed at about 11 o'clock –

Tuesday Aug. 7th 1888.

Sixth meeting of Conference met at about 7½ o'clock a usual. "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word"
was sung. Jeremiah 9th chapter, from 23rd to 26th verses was read by the Supt., beginning: "Thus saith the Lord, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom: neither let the mighty man glory in his migh

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let not the rich man glory in his riches: but let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me that I am the Lord which exerciseth lovingkindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight saith the Lord". The hymn and the scripture record what was taught our hearts in the season of prostration before the Lord, developed by the Holy Spirit. Conference adjourned at 12½ o'clock P.M.

Wednesday, Aug. 8th 1888.

Seventh meeting of Conference commenced at usual hour. The 6th hymn of the hymnal was sung beginning:-

"Come thou. Almighty King
Help us thy name to sing
Help us to praise."

Conference then continued to apply itself as one soul to the work appointed through our Superintendent by the Blessed Spirit, that of "Waiting on God to keep his way" - All hearts seemed pleased with the holy arrangement, and far from becoming tiresome, interest in Jesus simple and sweet way was evidently becoming greater and more natural. While on our knees, Bro. Gordon read the last verse of the 21st Psalm: "Be thou exalted, Lord in thine own strength, so will we sing and praise thy power". We then gathered together more closely to pray this prayer and let God reveal himself, which he did most graciously: first through one, then another, but especially in the flow of precious instruction through our beloved Superintendent whom, yesterday, we were led by the Spirit to acknowledge as our Moses under God. All hearts were helped, and all evidently drawing unitedly toward our Father's great and loving purpose in bringing us together in Conference.

Thursday Aug. 9th 1888.

Eighth meeting of Conference opened at usual time by singing the the hymn:-

"How oft in holy converse with Christ my Lord alone
"I seem to hear the millions that sing around the throne
'Hallelujah, amen'"

This being the beginning of a new week of Conference assemble to "wait on the Lord", it seemed as though it was to be like the passover in Hezekiah's time, when "the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days; and they kept other seven days with gladness"

This session was an impressive one and although accompanied with little outward manifestation, the witness was given that our confident waiting on the Lord had been owned graciously by him, and that we would in the end obtain a full reward. Conference closed at 11 o'clock.

Friday Aug. 10th 1888.

Ninth meeting of Conference began at about 8 o'clock a At this meeting Conference was cheered by the presence of Bro. Sam J. and Sister Ardella Mead who arrived from Malange yesterday afternoon. The Supt. seemed unusually filled with the Spirit and without ceremony or preceeding song or reading, led us to the throne of grace. While upon our knees, parts of the 481st hymn were read:-

"Come Holy Ghost all quickening fire
"My consecrated heart inspire
"Sprinkled with the atoning blood
"Still to my soul thyself reveal
"Thy mighty working may I feel
"And know that I am one with God

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"Humble and teachable and mild,
"O may I as a little child
"My lowly Master's steps pursue" &c

During the Heart searching season of prayer that followed

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the Blessed Spirit revealed through our dear Supt. greater depth of meaning and simplicity of good-will in God's words to Abraham:- Walk before me and be thou sincere. Long after audible praise and prayer had ceased, we waited still in adoring silence drinking in the sweet influences of God. Conference arose and adjourned at about 11½ o'clock.

Saturday Aug. 11th 1888.

Tenth meeting of Conference began about 8 o'clock a.m. by singing 801st hymn of the hymnal:-

"Thou God of truth and love"

Conference then presented itself before God to wait on him and keep his way, which seemed yet to lead into more waiting on him. The evident result of the continued waiting has been to draw hearts into greater sincerity toward God and each other. Sincere seeking for power to be enabled to do his will was very manifest. It being on the eve of Sunday, the Committee on Devotional Exercises by permission of the Supt., retired for consultation and returned with the following program of exercises for the Sabbath: "Sunday School Service at the Pungo Andongo house at 9½ o'clock A.M. to be conducted by Bro. Saml. J., and Sister Ardella Mead: Preaching in the afternoon at 3 o'clock by Bro. C. W. Gordon, to be followed by Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, provided suitable means could be obtained for preparing some form of unfermented wine. The Supt. stated, he had felt the Lord drawing his heart away from the regular forms of business to conduct Conference in the line of God's first will in waiting before him until he should say enough, and direct into the usual channel", but layed the matter at this juncture before Conference, to give liberty to the convictions of others. Bro. C. Murray Mc. Lean moved that we meet on Monday morning for a business session, to be followed by two sessions a day, for business, until it should be dispatched. Motion not seconded, Conference then adjourned. -//

Sunday Aug. 12th 1888.

Sabbath Services

Eleventh meeting of Conference the intervening sessions having been entirely of a devotional character. convened at 3 o'clock P.M. for preaching service as appointed. Bro. Gordon opened the service by leading in the hymn: "I'd rather be the least of them
Who are the Lord's alone".

He then announced the 722nd hymn, reading:-

"God of love who hearest prayer
Kindly for thy people care
Who on thee alone depend
Love us, save us to the end."

(Prayer followed, faithful prayer, unwillingness to leave the throne without fullest possible preparation to preach and hear) Bro. Gordon after prayer announced his text from 26, ~~27, 28~~ to 29th verses of 1st Corinthians 1st Chap.
and the word was with profit to all.
(For ye see your calling bretheren, how that not many wise men after the flesh not many mighty, not many noble are called; but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty; and base things of the world and things which are despised hath God chosen, yea, and the things which are not, to bring to nought the things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence". - The Lord honored faithful waiting upon him, and poured through Brother Gordon the simple sweetness of the Gospel without effort, but with powerful conviction of its own loving sincerity.) At the close of the sermon it was moved, being late, that the Sacrament be postponed until such time as the Supt should appoint. Conference then adjourned informally. During this day the Sabbath School service under the management of Bro. Saml J. and Sister Ardella Mead was held. Doors were opened to the natives at about 12 o'clock and a very or-

derly congregation of men, boys and girls assembled. Bro. Mead addressed them about Jesus whom he represented to their minds as the Great Soba. Sister Mead sang and played an n'bunda hymn adapted from the english "Glory to God on high" joined in by bretheren and sisters present and by the natives very heartily on the chorus. After prayer, the touching little hymn "Ngala m'budi yofeli ya Yezu" - I am Jesus little Lamb was sung and afterwards explained in portuguese and n'bunda. Bro. McLean during this time found opportunity to talk with some out in the congregation, among whom he was seated. Other hymns were sung, followed by closing remarks by Bro. Mead. School was then dismissed, and Bro. Herbert C. Withey distributed some cards (which the Lord had put it into his heart to bring.

Monday, August 13th 1888.

Twelfth meeting of Conference met rather late this morning, consequent upon prayer and conference with Bro. S. J. Mead, who expressed his purpose to leave for Malange.
Bro. Withey read from 11th Chapter of Isaiah at 10th verse:- "And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse which shall stand for an ensign of the people, to it shall the gentiles seek, and his rest shall be glorious". After this followed a precious and instructive season of waiting on the Lord. This meeting marked a turn in the Conference, which the Supt. perceived, and called our first lesson about the new-year. It seemed to develope as God's instruction, that as we had begun, so must we continue and end the year in "waiting on God and keeping his way". Conference closed at 1 o'clock P.M.)

Tuesday, Aug. 14th 1888.

Thirteenth meeting of Conference began at 8 o'clock A.M.
Bro. C. W. Gordon read and commented upon the hymn:-

"Content with beholding his face
My all to his pleasure resigned,

"No changes of season or place
Could make any change in my mind"

Brother Withey followed him with a very impressive sermon which came without the usual form of preaching services, but with power to every waiting heart. The prayer and waiting on God that followed, was a very impressive season during which God was evidently holding out unusual opportunity to realize a full reward from his Holy Spirit, who had thus kept us out of other business to give all attention to him: and it bore with it too, a deep sense of responsibility resting upon all souls, for the improvement or non improvement of such an outpouring of instruction and of power, on which to go farther into God, and realize his whole will.

Minutes approved

At the close of this session, the minutes of Conference, ~~from beginning, to and including Sat. Aug. 11th~~ were read. There being no objection they stood approved. Relation to Miss. Society The Supt. then stated that the reports were in order, but that his own was not yet prepared. Bro. McLean stated he would defer his report for Loanda for the present. The Supt. went on to give all new light that had come to hand regarding our relation to the Missionary Society to whom Bishop Taylor is now to report annually concerning missions of the M. E. Church in Africa over which he has under the General Conference, the supervision. The Supt stated that if our annual Station reports be in at our usual time of Conference, July August, they would be in time for the Missionary Committee, whose annual meeting is understood to be in November. Examination of Candidates Conference then elected as Committee on Examination of Candidates for license to preach Bros. C. W. Gordon and C. Murray McLean. [illegible] The Supt. then gave opportunity for remarks concerning appointments for the ensuing year. In so doing, he rehearsed the custom and leadings of the Bishop, who had always first sought the voice of God to individual hearts in their call to, and location in Africa. (He stated,

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that in the case of his own appointment as Superintendent, he had had no previous intimation that there was to be such an office in Angola Missions, but that walking along with the Bishop one day the Bishop told him, after they had gone aside in the bush for prayer, he felt God pointing him out for that responsibility. and they waited on God together that he might have an opportunity to show his will. Bro. Withey further said, that the Bishop had urged all to be satisfied personally as to the voice of God in their hearts in connection with his providences and his providential leader.)

Dondo Station

Bro. McLean spoke of Dondo Station, the value of the Mission property there, the former dimensions of the work &c, and felt that something should be done to preserve things there. As to his own personal feelings, he felt Loanda to be his home. Very little more was said upon the subject at this time and the feeling seemed generally to pervade, that God would do the best he could with us.

Adjournment

¶ The Supt. then stated that formerly the meetings of Conference having been of such a devotional character, we had adjourned informally, but business now having been taken up, he waited for a motion to adjourn. On motion of Bro. Gordon, Conference adjourned to meet D.V. tomorrow at usual hour.

Wednesday Aug. 15th 1888.

(Fourteenth session of Conference met at 9 o'clock. The 979th hymn was sung:—

"Jesus shall reign where'er the Sun
Doth his successive journeys run."

Bro. Gordon read 1st Corinthians 15th chapter commencing 24th verse, beginning: "Then cometh the end when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and all power. For he must reign, until he hath put all enemies under his feet." Prayer followed, expressing our thankfulness to God for his faithfulness in pouring out his Spirit, mingled with willingness to follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. After prayer, the minutes of Conference from Sunday to Tuesday inclusive were read, and there being no objection stood approved. Reports being then in order, After devotions Bro. C. Murray McLean presented his report for Loanda Station, (See report) which read as follows:-

"Loanda Report

Loanda Report -

Dear Superintendent and Bretheren:- (In presenting to you a report of Loanda Station for the past six months I feel my nothingness before God to do or say anything only as he gives me strength by the Holy Ghost. I feel, in the past year he has been with me leading and teaching me many lessons which were hard to learn, but when learned, I could look back and see how kind God was in caring for me. In July 1887, I went to Loanda for a brief stay, but the Lord seemed to say stay and assist Bro C. A. Ratcliffe. This I did until Jany 5th 1888, when Bro Ratcliffe and wife returned to America, leaving us to care for the work. When Bro. Ratcliffe left the work, there was a good paying School at Loanda, although most of his scholars left, while others came to take their places. During the month of January we had eleven scholars in our day school - four were boarding with us in our home. Our school increased until we had seventeen on our roll but some were taken away while others were absent on account of sickness. In June last we had eleven. During the six months we have been in charge of Loanda Station, we have had an average of thirteen in our day-school, five of whom have been under our constant care as boarders in our home. About March 1st by the blessing of the Lord we were able to start a Sunday-School. Although small, we felt that the Lord was blessing us and helping in the singing of Portuguese Hymns, reading the Portuguese Bible and speaking in our broken way to those that came. Each Sunday we would have about twenty come to our School, ten or twelve would be able to read in the Testa

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ment. Beside our singing, reading and explaining the Scriptures the best we could, we distributed among those who could read, some small papers printed in portuguese, called "Leituras Infantas" and "O Amigo de Verdade". Beside our Sunday Service in Portuguese, we were able to open, about the same time an English Service for some five or six boys who were working on the rail-road that had come from Sierra Leone. I feel the Lord blessed us in making a home for these souls who were strangers in a strange land. During all this, we left it all with him who said, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withold not thy hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good. We have passed through some trials at Loanda during the last six months, first in the sickness and death of our dear brother, Rev E. A. Shoreland who had been on the Congo. He came to Loanda sick, on his way home, intending to return on the same steamer when she should leave the harbour, but the All-wise God willed it otherwise. He came to us on the 18th of March and on Saturday 31st, 9.30 A.M., he entered into rest. That evening we layed him beside our beloved brother C. L. Miller, trusting that his spirit had gone to his God. Then there was the tide of home-going which the Lord brought us through, and our hearts say "Glory to his name who maketh us to triumph". In financial matters, the Lord has helped us, so that we are able to say we have been "self supporting". Having had to buy medicines and pay doctors bills, it has made our expenditures larger than otherwise would have been. I give below the receipts and expenditures for six months:—

Receipts—	Rs.	Expenditures	Rs
January	51$300	January	52$475
February	65:400	February	45$935
March	88:630	March	71$455

Death Roll.

1 Charles L. Miller at Loanda May 8th 1885
2 Henry Kelly " Pungo Andongo Dec. 25 - 1885
3 Elizabeth Cooper " Dondo Aug. 18 - 1886
4 Amina Smith " Malange Sept. 11 - 1886
5 Nellie E. Mead " Nhangue-a-Pepe Oct. 12 - 1886
6 Willie Hicks " " May 30 - 1887
7 Mary R. Myers Davenport " Dondo July 18 - 1887
8 Edna M. Mead " Malange Feby. 23 1888
9 E. A. Shoreland " Loanda March 31 - 1888 - Belonged to Congo District
10 E. Hannah Brannen Dodson at Pungo Andongo (Canandua) } Jany. 21 - 1889
11 Wm. R. Summers M. D. at Lualaberge May 24 1888
Al 12 Bertha Mead Shields at Malange July 21 - 1889
13 Mary Estella Withey at Dondo July 30 - 1889
14 Luther Samuel Mead at Quiongua Jany. 1 1891.
15 Charles Dodson Mead at Nhangue-a-Pepe Nov. 4 1890
16 William H. Mead at Nhangue-a-Pepe Dec. 23 1891
17 Jeannie Peck Dodson at Quiongua July 8 1892.
18 Lottie May Withey at. Nhangue-a-Pepe-Dec. 11 1892 - 2.30 P.M.
19 Florence Steele Withey at Nhangue-a-Pepe Dec. 12 1892 - 4. a.m.
Buried at same hour side by side
20 Bertha Mead Shields at Pungo Andongo Apl. 7 1894. - 2 days old -
21 Lavina Ratcliff at Quihongoa (during Conference) Aug. 31 1894 Only 40 days in Africa.
22 Lizzie Whiteside Shields at Pungo Andongo June 17 1895
23 Wesley Fletcher Shields at Pungo Andongo March 9. 1896. (3 yrs - 4 mos 9 days.)
24 John William Shuett at Nhangue-a-Pepe April 20 1896. (35 yrs.)
25 Young Babe of Elizabeth Cooper died at sea
26 William Josiah Mead at Quihongua Jany 17 1898

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April	Rs. 87$870	April	Rs. 81$150
May	74$500	May	77$115
June	61$500	June	67$395
	Rs. 429$200		Rs. 395$675

Balance July 1st Rs 33$675.

C. M. McLean

Pungo Andongo, Aug. 15th 1888.

Dondo Report

Dr. Reid in answer to a call for report for Dondo Station said, that the only expense he had been to Dondo Station was about Rs. 2$500 which Bro. C. L. Davenport had left at the station. He said there are about two hundred children anxious for some one to teach them in free school, and a few who are desirous to send children as paying scholars.

Bro. Withey then said he wished to report concerning Dondo Station, that he had had considerable pain about it. First, at the suddenness with which the Supt. appointed at the last annual session of Conference, closed up the affairs of the Station, leaving his successor no opportunity to enter into the fruit of his labors. Secondly, in the disposal of some goods that were property of the Society, and not leaving any report of receipts and expenditures up to the time of his departure, an but a small seed from the first sowing of the Society for hi successor to utilize for further sowing. He said he wished to say generally at this point, that his heart had been griev that the construction of Supts. leaving had been so narrow with regard to the Bishop's instructions regarding the leaving of seed. That he feared the Supts. leaving had not borne in min the needs of a Station on leaving it, as though they had been the parties left behind. The principle of the Bishop was, that when t income of a Station exceeded the expenses, the surplus might b divided among the workers. Another, that in leaving, all had the right to take with them into another place the fruit of his labor; but what had pained his heart most, was the narrow interpretation put upon the leaving of seed. He said he felt, that under perfect love this principle would work well, but where that is lacking, no such free principle can be expected to hold, for each individual will seek his own. Financial Report of Nhangue was then presented by the Supt., and was as follows:- (See Report)

Nhangue Report

- Nhangue Report -

1888, January 1 to July 1 -

Receipts:-

Gain on Cattle above cost of maintce	Rs 51$030
Rent of Sewing Machine,	3$600
Sale of Sugar and Salt,	21$875
" " Powder	55$320
" " Cloth and Sundries	163$653
	Rs 295$478

Expenditures:-

Mission Expenses	Rs. 253$333
Real Estate	42$145
	Rs 295$478

Respectfully submitted
A. E. Withey, Supt.

Pungo Report

After, came the Financial Report of Pungo Andongo, which was as follows:- (See Report)

Pungo Andongo Report:-

To the Annual Meeting of Bishop William Taylor's Self-Supporting Missions of Angola, Africa)

This Station came into my hands Mch. 27th last on the departure of the Supt. appointed at the last an-

-nual Meeting. Of the term extending from Jany. 1st last to Mch. 27th, I was unable to obtain a report from the former Supt., and therefore can only report from Mch. 27th to July 16th at which date the a/cs were adjusted.

Receipts:-

From profits in Store		Rs.	231$877
Expenditures:-			
For Mission and Store Expe.	118$273		
" Personal a/c Clothg. & Travel.	13$479		131$752
			100$125
" Furniture	15$178		
" Real Estate	32$000		
" Mdse for Store	52$947		
		Rs.	100$125

Respectfully submitted
A. E. Withey -
Genl. Supt.

Malange Report

Bro. Gordon then moved that inasmuch as the Malange Report has been mislaid, the Secty. be authorized to append it to the minutes when it is received. Motion seconded and carried. (See Report)

Genl. Supt's Report

The General Superintendent then presented a report~~ed~~ as follows:- (See Report

Remunerative School-work in N'hangue and Pungo Andongo we do not find. There is abundant labor for Free-School, but other abunda employments have as yet defered it. We have a flourishing Sunday Sch at Pungo Andongo, which has regular sessions Sabbath A.M., with an average attendance of 60, but which can be augmented at any time by chromos, but we have found special opportunities in it to present truth which the Spirit very manifestly owned.

Thirteen Missionaries have left the field during the year, and our number has been augmented by the birth of one Missionary in Malange, Taylor Withey M[illegible] son of Bro. Wm. H., and Sister Minnie Mea

Our hearts were deeply touched on learning that on the last day of our last annual session, our dearly beloved sister Mary R. Myers Davenport M. D. suddenly passed away. She was the first woman who offered herself to Bishop Taylor for the african field, and ever exhibited willingness to go wherever appointed, and was abundant in labours wherever her providencial way led. Her dying testimony was; "I die for thee Jesus" - Edna Mead, aged 12 years, daughter of Bro. Wm. H. and Sister Minnie Mead, has also passed away during the year in Malange. During her last days, her heart seemed to be unusually drawn to the Saviour, and we trust she rests with those to whom Jesus said:- "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven. She was a willing helper, in the work of the Mission, and is greatly missed from her place. We have found great physical benefit during the past months in Missionaries changing about from one Station to another providentially, and through this providence, have seemed to be led to see, that with Stations nearer together where changes could be inexpensively made, more ground could be occupied and a less number actually required at each Station. For this reason, our attention has been drawn to a new field which the Bishop designated, called Quiongua, 14 miles west of Pungo Andongo, and 23 miles east of Nhangue-a Pepo where a purchase has been made for Rs. 75$000 of an occupation right in a tract of land containing a little more than 150 acres which has several advantages for missionary premises. In behalf of Pungo Andongo Station, our Societie's representative has purchased a farm property just outside the village at a cost of Rs. 225$000, which is known as Canandua.

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The Superintendent said he had nothing more to report except the all important thing, that the favor of the Lord during the past year has been exceedingly abundant, so

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that while material prospects have not advanced in some respects, as may have been looked for, I am bold to declare, that the Lord's kingdom is largely extended.

Malange Report

Financial	1888.		Malange Station.	
January	Money recd. for work & Sales Rs.	28$200 –	Mission Expo. Rs.	35$000
February	" " " " " &c	5$000 –	" " "	40$000
March	" " " " "	5$400 –	" " "	20$000
April			" " "	30$000
May	" " " " "	50$000 –	" " "	50$000
June	" " " Sales "	81$490 –	" " "	40$000
	Rs.	170$090	Rs	195$000

Saml. J. Mead, Supt.

Appointments

Short prayer followed, after which, the Superintendent proceeded to announce the appointments which were as follows:-

Loanda,	C. Murray McLean Supt. Helen Louisa McLean.
Dondo,	Duncan Reid, M. D.
Nhangue Pp.	Chas. W. Gordon, Supt Chas. G. Rudolph.
Quiongua	Wm. P. Dodson, Supt.
Pungo Andº and Canandua	A. E. Withey, Supt. Irene F. Withey. Herbert C. Withey M. Stella Withey Lottie May Withey. Flossie S. Withey Effie H. Brannen
Malange	Saml. J. Mead, Supt; Wm. H. Mead; Minnie Mead Arde[illegible] Mead, Albertha Mead, Julia Mead Ro[illegible]ields. John H. Mead; Saml. E. Mead

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Sacrament

The Superintendent then refered to Sacrament which was made subject to his appointment and stated that he would appoint it for tomorrow, Thursday morning

Vote of thanks

On motion of Bro. C. Murray Mc. Lean a vote of thanks was extended to the Secretary for his services during Conference.

Adjournment

Bro. C. W. Gordon moved that when Conference adjourn, it adjourn at the call of the Supt. The minutes were then read, and there being no objection, stood approved. Doxology was then sung, and on motion of Bro. C. W. Gordon, Conference adjourned. The benediction was pronounced by the Superintendent

Amos E. Withey
Gen'l Supt.

Wm. P. Dodson,
Secty.

District Conference of Angola District of Africa Conference,

Pungo Andongo, Sept. 5th 1889.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of Bishop William Taylors Self-supporting Missions of Angola convened according to call, at Pungo Andongo, Thursday Sept. 5th, 3 o'clock P.M., Rev. Amos Edwin Withey Supt, presiding. Members present; Supt. A. E. Withey, Irene F. Withey, Susan Collins, Chas. W. Gordon, Chas. G. Rudolph, Herbert C. Withey, Lottie May Withey, Florence Steele Withey and Wm. P. Dodson.

Secretary

Bro. Dodson nominated Bro. Gordon as Secretary, who felt led to decline, and nominated Bro. Dodson, who was chosen Secretary.

Communion

Previous to the formal opening of Conference, the Holy Communion was administered by the Supt. Bro. Withey, assisted by Bro. Dodson. (We tarried at the table of the Lord, and enjoyed blessed communion by the Holy Spirit in obeying Jesus' command in thus doing in remembrance of him. Being few in number, it seemed best to make no special committee on form of exercises. Bro. Gordon moved that when Conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Saturday at 7 o'clock A.M. Sept. 7. 1889) The 798th hymn was read by the Supt, and sung.

Minutes approved

Minutes were then read, and, there being no objections stood approved. (On motion Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by the Supt.)

Saturday, Sept. 7th 1889.

Joining Exercises

Second meeting of Conference began at 7 o'clock A.M. We were gladdened by the arrival on yesterday of Bro. Wm. H. Mead, Bro. Saml. J. Mea Sister Ardella Mead, Johnnie H. Mead and Sammie L. Mead from Malan Services opened by singing the 792nd & 793rd hymns followed by the reading of the 14th Chap. of St. John, 15th to 26th verses, by the Presiding Elder, A. E. Wit -ey

Public Worship

On motion, a committee on religious and literary exercises consisting of Bro. S. J. Mead, Bro. C. W. Gordon and Sister Irene F. Withey, was

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appointed by the Elder. Committee retired and brought the following report: Tomorrow, Lords Day to meet at 7 o'clock A.M., Sabbath-School at 9½ o'clock; The afternoons to be further considered and reported on. Report of Committee adopted. Amendment of Minutes Minutes of yesterday were amended so as to read; "The District Conference of Angola District of Africa Conference"; and the name of "Presiding Elder instead of Supt., conformable to our new relation. There being no objection, the minutes as amended stood approved. On motion Conference adjourned to meet according to suggestion of Committee.

Sunday Sept. 8th 1889. 7½ o'clock A.M.

Sabbath Services

Third meeting of Conference opened in the use of the 478th hymn. The Elder then read and expounded the 3rd Chap. of Ephesians from the 14th to the 21st verses inclusive. We then had a season of prayer and praise and searching of heart and humbling before God, with the manifest presence of the Spirit.

9½ O'clock A.M.

Sunday School

Sabbath-School as appointed, was held in open air within our walled enclosure, conducted by Bro. Gordon. A goodly number of men, women and children assembled, and were seated for the greater part on mats under the orange trees. Bro. Gordon read part of the 5th Chap. of St. John in kimbunda. Hymns in portuguese and kimbunda were sung, interspersed with instruction and testimony, which was engaged in by nearly all our Conference, and some of our colored bretheren. Our hearts were mutually instructed and benefitted in the exercises.

|| Monday, Sept. 9th 1889. 7 o'clock A.M.

Fourth meeting of Conference began in the use of the 277th hymn, beginning:-

"Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove,
With all thy quickening powers".

The Elder then read the Holy Spirit's account of Jesus' command to the disciples, to tarry at Jerusalem until they should be endued with power. We then as one heart, bowed and continued at this time to wait with one accord to receive the power he had for us. It proved a season of much sincerity and profit before the Searcher of hearts, the Revealer of Jesus. Committee on religious and literary exercises retired and returned the report that they lay the further proceedings of the day in the hands of the Elder. The Elder then stated, that as there was time needed for preparation of reports and in studies for examination, that there would be no other session of Conference today.

The Elder then read from the Discipline, instruction as to the form of report, and there was some conversation upon the subject, as also upon studies. Bro. W. H. Mead moved that when we adjourn, it be to meet tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. The minutes as at first read were amended, and as amended stood approved. On motion, Conference decided to adjourn. The benediction was pronounced by Bro. Dodson.

Tuesday, Sept. 10th 1889. 7 o'clock A.M.

Fifth meeting of Conference opened in the use of the 79 and 477th hymns, after which, the Elder read that scripture beginning "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun in you a good work, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Praise and prayer then followed, participated in generally, continuing some time before the Lord. On motion Conference decided to adjourn, to meet tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. Then was sung:

"Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
"As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen".

The Elder then pronounced the benediction.

Wednesday Sept. 11th 1889. 8 o'clock A.M.

Sixth meeting - On assembling, Conference proceeded at once to prayer, in which attitude we continued until 12 o'clock. A season of sincerity and searching, all seeming to recognize the business of the

Holy Ghost with our hearts to be above all other business of Conference. There being no other business at this time, on motion Conference adjourned to meet tomorrow morning.

Thursday Sept. 12th 1889. 8 o'clock A. M. Seventh meeting.

The Elder opened Conference by an exhortation on harmony, in which, as he was led to explain it, (soul harmony), he invited all to join in the use of the 194th hymn. A blessed season of progress in and by the Holy Spirit as he revealed the will of God in prayer, made hearts open and sweeten and grow. At the close of devotional exercises, some conversation was had upon a day of sabbatic rest, and on motion of Bro. Gordon, it was decided that when Conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Saturday, 7 o'clock A. M. This was with a view to Friday as a rest day as individuals might feel led. Doxology was then sung, and benediction pronounced by Bro. Dodson.

Saturday Sept. 14th 1889.

Conference opened on its 8th session this morning at 8 o'clock. Minutes of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were read, and there being no objections, stood approved. Committee on religious exercises retired, and brought in report upon the exercises of today and tomorrow, appointing Sabbath School as usual for Lord's Day, conducted by Bro. Gordon, and usual Conning exercises, to be led by Bro. Dodson, today and tomorrow. The Elder retired, and services continued by singing the hymn beginning:- "Come Holy Ghost all quickening fire". The Lord was pleased to give us a profitable time together, in praise and prayer, singing, and considering together the Word of God.

We were dismissed by the benediction from Bro. Wm. H. Mead.

Sunday, Sept. 15th 1889. Ninth session of Conference.

This day was a very profitable day to our souls.

Devotional exercises as appointed by the Committee were held and had their effect of preparation on our souls. The Sabbath-School assembled at 9½ o'clock, and was conducted by Bro. Gordon. Quite a goodly number assembled to hear the Word of God in Kimbunda, and portuguese, and sacred songs translated by or composed by various members of the Missions, some of whom have passed to their reward. This was a season, as we believe, of real instruction, not only to the dear people who came, but to ourselves as a body, in all of which we were led to glorify God. The remainder of the day was spent in reading, study of the Word, attending upon our improving sick, prayer and rest.

Monday Sept. 16th 1889. 10th session of Conference.

Conference assembled at 7 o'clock according to appointment, the Elder having recovered by the will of God, and being in his place. The 478th hymn was sung, followed by the reading of the 47th & 48th Psalms by Bro. W. H. Mead. We then kneeled, and continued waiting upon God to keep his way, arising at 10 o'clock. A steady progress of the will of God in us was experienced. The presence of the Faithful Spirit being evident. To all who are present and hear this stated, it is, we believe a comforting fact. God grant that the record of it may not be despised by the future generation who may read, and who may need to know the means by which we sought to be one according to the power of our glorified Jesus, and to the same end that moved his heart, when he prayed :- "That the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them as thou hast loved me". So shall the great business of our Annual Conferences be to receive power to witness unto Jesus, as true missionaries. "Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost" was sung. It was moved and seconded, that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Motion carried. On motion of Bro. Wm. H. Mead, Conference adjourned. Benediction was pronounced by the Elder.

Monday Sept. 16th 1889. 11th Session.

Conference assembled at 2 o'clock P.M. The hymn was sung beginning:

"I thank thee, uncreated Sun,
That thy bright beams on me have shined.
I thank thee who hast overthrown
My foes and healed my wounded mind
I thank thee whose enlivening voice
Bids my freed heart in thee rejoice".

This session was devoted to singing praise and waiting on God, and continued until 6 o'clock, when Conference adjourned to meet tomorrow morning.

Tuesday Sept. 17th 1889. 12th Session.

Conference met at 8 oclock A.M. The 502nd hymn was partly read, and partly sung, when we were led to prayer by the Elder. After a season we arose, and the Elder read that sermon of Mr. Wesley from the text: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." We were again led to prayer, and under the searching power of the Spirit, passed through a very sweet and humiliating season. At the conclusion, the minutes of Saturday, Sunday and Monday morning were read, and as amended stood approved. On motion of Bro. Wm. H. Mead, it was voted that Conference adjourn to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Bro. Gordon then pronounced the benediction.

3 o'clock P.M. (13th session)

Conference met, according to appointment, at 3 o'clock P.M. This was a session of singing, reading of the Word of God, and waiting on the Lord, and of great praise, during which Sister Collins came into the light of "perfect liberty and love. Services then continued until about 9 o'clock P.M., a season of power and blessing. Conference adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Wednesday Sept. 18. 1889. 14th session.

Conference opened at 8 o'clock as appointed. The Elder read and expounded the 11th chap. of Isaiah and made our hearts shout for joy at the taming and reconciling power of God therein described. We were then led before the Lord, for edification in these things, and arose at 1½ o'clock, and adjourned to meet this evening at 7 o'clock. Benediction was then pronounced by Bro. Wm. H. Mead.

7 o'clock. P.M. 15th session

Conference assembled at 7 o'clock P.M., and spent a long and precious season of prayer and supplication and praise While waiting upon God, a spiritual sense of his holy Church in Angola was presented as by the Spirit of the Lord. It became at once a touch-stone to which all hearts were turned in prayer, followed by such melting and settling into the spirit of reality as must have marked a new era in our history. This session marked a turn in the experience of our beloved brother Saml. J. Mead, who, after years of unrest, fully received the Holy Ghost, and was filled with peace and love. Bro. Mead requested this record of it to be spread on the minutes. At a late hour, Conference adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Thursday Sept. 19th 1889. 16th session, 8 o'clock A.M.

Conference met at the appointed time, and opened by singing the 488th & 489th hymns. The Elder then read the 13th 14th & 15th verses of the 3rd chap. of the Acts of the Apostles, and expounded the same to our profit. This session was one of precious instructions upon our knees before God. Conference adjourned to meet in the evening at 7 o'clock. Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Dodson.

7 o'clock, P.M., 17th session.

On assembling, Conference was led to prayer by the Elder, and while upon our knees, he read and expounded the 78th Psalm beginning with the 29th verse, teaching that God would grant us according to our own desires. We were led to choose the desires of the Holy Spirit. This session was made memorably precious in what it brought to our dear sister Ardella Mead,

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who, after a season of anguish as to her birth-right, in deep sincerity was enabled to quiet her heart in Jesus: quickly to unlearn what she had long valued as truth, and learn of Him, receiving righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. It is at her request that this testimony is inscribed in the minutes. At the conclusion of this blessed season, Conf. adjourned to meet on Saturday morning at 7 o'clock, Friday being again agreed upon as a day of sabbatic rest, according to the 4th Commandment, and our dear Bishop's counsel and example: a day of rest in bed.

Saturday Sept. 21st 1889 - 18th session. 7 o'clock A.M.

Conference assembled, as usual, much improvement of soul and body in yesterday's rest being experienced generally.
This session opened by singing: "Perfect submission, all is at rest." The Elder then read from the 2nd Epistle of John, dwelling on that part which reads: "Look to yourselves that we lose not those things which we have gained, but that we receive a full reward." Precious instruction abounded during this session, the Holy Spirit greatly illuminating our dear Elder. We greatly rejoiced in the blessed work of God, and sought to go up in obedience and possess the whole land. Conference adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock P.M. Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Wm. H. Mead.

3 o'clock P.M., 19th Session.

The Elder opened this session by reading from 1st Samuel about the sending of the Ark of the Lord out of the land of the Philistines, and the punishment of the men of Bethshemish for looking into it; Uzzah's punishment for steadying it, and of the Ark resting in the house of Obed-Edom and blessing him and all that he had; and its bringing into the City of the Lord by David, dancing before it with all his might. After this, we again waited on the Lord. At the conclusion, the records of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning were read, and after some alterations were approved. On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock

Monday morning. Bro. Gordon pronounced the benediction.

Lord's Day, Sept. 22nd 1889. 8 o'clock.

The Elder opened this session of Conference by reading and expounding the 59th chapter of Isaiah. This was followed by a season of prayer and instruction, which continued nearly up to time of Sabbath Scho This was opened about 9½ o'clock as appointed by the Committee, who chose Bro. Dodson to lead. We sang as usual, and waited for the Spirit unusually. Bro. Gordon read in kimbunda the parable of the Good Shepherd. The meeting was participated in generally, but, as was the case on last Sabbath, the schooling seemed intended for us. The usual meeting ended in prayer and the benediction from the Elder. After, we had a conversational meeting, a part of which turned to the benefit of one native man who had been with us in previous meeting of Conference, and evinced concern about his soul. We continued, then, ministering to the Lord and fasting until late in the after-noon.

Monday, Sept. 23rd 1889. 20th Session.

Conference opened in the use of the 722nd hymn, beginning:-

"God of love who hearest prayer,
"Kindly for thy people care.
"Who on Thee alone depend
"Love us, save us to the end."

The Elder then read from Isaiah 58th chapter beginning: "Cry aloud: spare not: lift up the voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins". We were enabled t see the faithfulness of God in the unwearied instruction which still poured through our beloved Elder. Our attention has been constantly riveted upon the deep sincerity of God, and the same depth of sincerity which he is requiring in us toward each other in him. It was revealed in this meeting, that our dear brother Wm. H. Mead had, during the interval between the sessions, passed through an experience and crisis, which marks the most important epoch in his life, which was manifested as a presentation of his body a living sacrifice, holy and acceptible to God, which was owned and certified to by the occupation of the Holy Ghost as his temple forever, concording with the following hymn:-

"The Sun of righteousness on me
"Hath risen with healing in his wings:
"Withered my nature's strength, from thee
"My soul its life and succor brings:
"My help is all laid up above;
"Thy nature and thy name is Love."

"Contented now, upon my thigh
"I halt, till life's short journey end;
"All helplessness, all weakness, I
"On thee alone for strength depend,
"Nor have I power from thee to move;
"Thy nature and thy name is Love."

"Lame as I am I take the prey;
"Hell, earth, and sin with ease o'ercome;
"I leap for joy, pursue my way,
"And as a bounding hart fly home,
"Through all eternity to prove
"Thy nature and thy name is Love".

At the conclusion of these services, the minutes of Thursday evening and Saturday were read, added to and approved. Some time was then occupied in a home-like talk about the teachings of the Lord during this Conference: of confidence in our Guide, the Blessed Holy Ghost to keep us in the way, and the simplicity which is in Christ, from which we shall not be beguiled, if, as we received the Lord Jesus, we walk in him. On motion of Bro. Gordon, Conference adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 7½ o'clock.

Tuesday, Sept. 24th 1889. 21st Session.

Conference assembled at 7.35 A.M. and opened by singing hymn no. 734 beginning;-

"Praise my soul the King of heaven":

and hymn no. 736 beginning:

"Thou hidden source of calm repose
"Thou all sufficient love divine".

On our knees, we then sang, and received the love of God. The Spirit of reality made this exercise real to our souls, perfecting us in one, and making us feel the glory of God in the midst of this his united Church. Minutes of Lord's Day and Monday were read and approved. On motion of Bro. Saml. J. Mead, Conference adjourned to meet this evening at 7 o'clock. Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Wm. H. Mead.

Conference met at 7 o'clock P.M.

The Elder read from the 64th. chapter of Isaiah: "Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens; that thou wouldest come down; that the mountains might flow down at thy presence". Then we got down and blessed the Lord and asked only for more love, realizing it to be as the Scriptures declare, the "more excellent way". We have been shown, our four years experience agreeing with the Scripture, that we may do many good things, have some of the best gifts, and fail in "fervent love" which is "above all things". At 9½ o'clock, after a talk abounding in brotherly love, Conference adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Benediction was received from Bro. Gordon.

Wednesday Sept. 25th. 1889. 23rd. Session 8 o'clock A.M.

Conference assembled according to appointment, and sang those most appropriate lines of the 789th hymn:-

"All praise to our redeeming Lord
"Who joins us by his grace,
"And bids us, each to each restored,
"Together seek his face."

"He bids us build eachother up
"And gather into one
"To our high-callings glorious hope
"We hand in hand go on"

"The gift which he on one bestows
"We all delight to prove
"The grace through every vessel flows
"In purest streams of love".

The Elder then read from the 60th chapter of Isaiah, beginning at the 12th verse, reading until the close of the 61st chapter. The Lord enabled the Elder greatly, to unfold these scriptures, and the Blessed Spirit applied them to our hearts, making them luminous with comfort and instruction, reaching back through all this Conference & our past history in Africa. We were then led to prayer, where before God we were made to realize the excavation that was necessary to real edification. On arising from this season of profit, the minutes of Tuesday were read, and after additions were approved. Singing followed, and conversation feeling after the right way to interpret instruction, profitably ending in prayer and receiving the Great Instructor in every now of our experience. On motion, Conference adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Dodson.

Thursday Sept. 26th 1889 - 24th session.

Conference met at 7 o'clock as appointed and the hymn was sung reading
"While we walk with God in light,
"God our spirits doth unite:
"Dearest fellowship we prove,
"Fellowship in Jesus' love:
"Sweetly each with each combined
"In the bonds of duty joined,

"Feels the cleansing blood applied,
"Daily feels that Christ hath died"

Other hymns were sung, and Conference then waited on the Lord to find the way in which he wanted us to go now. The Elder read from the 12th chap. of 1st Corinthians, and we "assuredly gathered" that the Spirit's mind for us was expressed in the words:- "That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another." "And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it: or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." The Elder then felt moved to read a letter of his departed daughter, Mary Estella, which read as follows:-

"Dear Bro. Griffin:-

I feel the Lord moving me to write to you again. I feel the Lord has made me to increase in love, greatly since I last wrote. I want to go all the length of all the celestial road. We are reading about Noah at family prayers, and it did seem so bad to think of only one man being holy of all that great people. It seemed to me like this: Noah told the people that the world was to be destroyed by water, and we are here to tell people to repent because the world is going to be destroyed by fire. The people here are very dirty; some of them never wash their clothes. But if this is their outward look, how must their hearts look to God! I think the first thing they will do when they get God, will be to clean their bodies and clothes. In this whole city, I do not think there is one person, beside us that speak the name of God with respect. The world seem to be growing wicked, and wickeder than it ever has been since Noah's day. O God help us to grow in grace more than we ever have! Papa and I came here in God's will, and still remain here in his will. That is all we are doing: all we are sent here for. Bro. Rudolph in his last letter said, that a blind man who he believes is converted, still seems to stand, and is very happy. We also have a native church in Nhangue, and the Bishop baptized eight or nine there. We are waiting on the Lord and keeping his way and he blesses us in so doing. We should like to see you here very much, and you may be sure you will be very welcome among the few little ones of God here. In reading Paul's letters, I see they are full of love. I want my letters to be as full of love as his, and I want to be as holy as he was, which I believe is possible. I do not want to go to anybody on earth for love, but to the real source. The dear Lord has been showing me, that the power is the thing to carry everything through, and has led me to pray for great power."

"Mary".

This searched our hearts, not only as to letter-writing, but "though dead" this lovely young saint "yet speaketh", agreeing with the life and words of all saints of all ages, how the Spirit of reality can be given to sincere souls. After a season of earnest waiting on God, the latter part in silence, Conference arose to adjourn until 2 o'clock P.M. Benediction was received from Bro. Wm. H. Mead.

25th Session.

Conference assembled at 2 o'clock P.M., the Elder opening the exercises by reading from the 7th and 8th chapters of Romans, from which we draw comfort to be debtors to the Spirit of life. Then followed prayer, praise and instruction in the way of perfect liberty in the Lord. Minutes of Wednesday and Thursday morning were read, and there being no objections stood approved. Tomorrow being our day of Sabbatic rest, on motion, Conference adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 7 o'clock. Benediction was received from the Elder.

Saturday Sept. 28. 1889. 26th Session.

Conference assembled at 7 o'clock A.M. The Elder read that scripture: "For so is the will of God, that by well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." During the season of ministering befor the Lord and fasting that followed, we were much instructed. Some presentations were made before the Lord at this time respecting ppointments, seeking light in his light. Minutes of Thursday after-

-noon were read, and there being no objections stood approved. On motion of Sister Withey, Conference adjourned to meet Monday morning at 7½ o'clock, the exercises of tomorrow to be according to the appointment of the Committee. Bro. Wm. H. Mead pronounced the benediction, 3 o'clock P.M.

Lord's Day, Sept. 29th 1889.

The Committee on religious exercises appointed the services to be held as last Sabbath, and accordingly we assembled at 7½ o'clock. The 734th hymn was sung, after which, the Elder read from the 43rd Chapter of Isaiah, beginning at the 25th verse The remaining time was spent upon our knees praising the Lord. We met for Sabbath School at 9½ o'clock, Bro. Dodson having been chosen to lead. Portuguese hymns were sung, and then, with bowed heads we sought divine direction. Prayer continuing, we kneeled, and continued until 3 o'clock. Meanwhile, the people came and went, some returning the second time bringing others. It seemed as though the Spirit of the Lord drew a representation of people together to view his pentecost. One jew came, and kneeling with us, devoutly mentioned God in name, others who had been instructed to stand up in respect for mass, came and stood in silence, while natives acted according to native freedom. But God's free Spirit filled the place, and did his work, and our share was love and power. We sang together:

"To Father, Son and Holy Ghost who sweetly all agree
"To save a world of sinners lost, eternal glory be."

The Elder pronounced the benediction.

Monday Sept. 30th 1889. 27th Session.

Conference assembled at 7½ o'clock as appointed and the hymn was sung beginning:- "God of love who hearest prayer
Kindly for thy people care".

The Elder then read from the 11th Chapter of Romans, in connection with the 4th Chapter of Zechariah, combining instruction concerning the olive-tree into which we have been grafted: of the root and fatness of the oil tree: an exhortation to keep connected with the source of supply, and let the light shine. After a season of receiving love, Conference arra to continue to pursue the will of God. Minutes of Saturday were read, and there being no objection, stood approved. On motion of Bro. Saml. J. Mead, Conference adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 7½ o'clock. Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Gordon.

Tuesday Octo. 1st 1889. 28th session.

Conference assembled at 7½ o'clock this morning and sang the 793rd hymn. The Elder then read the 84th Psalm, and from the 10th and 11th chapters of Hebrews. We were then, on our knees led to sing, and talk and pray about and receive rest: rest in all God's will concerning in all to which we may be sent, not expecting to be sent out of him our rest. Minutes of Lord's Day and Monday were read, and there being no objections, stood approved. On motion of Bro. Gordon, Conference adjourned to meet at 7½ o'clock tomorrow morning. Bro. Dodson pronounced the benediction.

Wednesday Octo. 2nd 29th Session.

Conference opened in the use of the 544th hymn, after which the Elder read from 2nd Peter. Then followed a precious season of prayer, praise, instruction, testimony and general upbuilding and good cheer in God. After this, the minutes of Tuesday were read, and there being no objections, were approved. On motion of Bro. Saml. J. Mead, Conference adjourned to meet at the call of the Elder. Bro. Wm. H. Mead pronounced the benediction. // See beyond.

Saturday Octo. 5th 1889. - 30th session. -

Conference assembled at the call of the Elder at 7½ o'clock. The 1074th hymn was sung, after which, the 18th Psalm was read by Bro. Dodson. A season of blessing before the Lord followed, well expressed in the words: "Trusting in Jesus". Some of the lines sung, were:-

"Frail creatures of dust.
"And feeble as frail,
"In thee do we trust
"Nor find thee to fail".
"Thy mercies how tender; how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender,

Redeemer and Friend".
The minutes of Wednesday were read and approved. The Elder then related to Conference what he felt the Lord intimating to him about appointments, and said: he would make appointments subject to any changes the Holy Ghost may guide into sooner or later and trusted God in every heart to be ready. The following reports were then presented: Elders' Report, Malange, Pungo Andongo, Quiongua, N'hangue Pepo, Dondo, Loanda.

Presiding Elder's Report. (1)

"The instructions of the Lord to our hearts at last annual meeting were condensed; and expressed by the Scripture: "Wait on the Lord, and keep his way". This has been the prevailing watchword, and with glad and grateful hearts, we now declare that he hath wrought for us the greatest triumphs of his grace that we have seen in our history. Our experience has been that of Gideon - reduction of numbers and great victory with the reduced company. Four have left the field for America, and one lady has been transfered to Angola from Congo District, viz Sister Susan Collins wh we rejoice to welcome as sent by the Lord. Three precious saints ha been transfered to the Church Triumphant, viz: Sister E. Hannah Brannen Dodson, who died Jany. 21st. of billious fever at Pungo Andongo, aged 26 years. She enjoyed a happy matrimonial union with our dear bro. Wm. P. Dodson of a little over four mon She triumphed in deepest affliction, saying: "Jesus stays by." He also, saying: "His work is perfect." She felt God had laid her foundations with sapphires." Glory to God! Second; Sister Albirtha Mead Shields who died in Malange of dysentery July 21st. ag 17 years. A precious, obedient disciple. She was the wife of ou beloved bro. Robert Shields, who was called to the deep affliction of separation in five weeks from their marriage, but in whi he triumphed and kissed the rod. Glory to God!

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Third, Mary Estella Withey; my own precious daughter, who died of billious fever in Dondo July 30th aged 14½ years. She was sanctified wholly at our last annual meeting, and walked in love, patience and extraordinary faithfulness and diligence to the end of her short but faithful life. Glory to God! Our great delight is, that the great head of the Church has at last through storm and trial, established in Angola "a holy church". Unity and love unfeigned doth prevail, and we are full of good cheer and confidence that he will keep and guard it "as the apple of his eye". Our Beloved Bishop Williams Taylor has just visited us, and expressed frequently the rejoicing of his heart in finding "God with us". He baptized several natives in the different Stations, preached through our own missionaries as interpreters at most of the stations, and recognized a general awakening among the heathen along the entire line. By his approbation, 30 native persons have been received as probationers; at Loanda, Nhangue a-Pepo, and Malange. Day Schools have been maintained at Loanda and Malange with varied income. Owing to the reduction of the force of missionaries, Dondo Station has not maintained a day-school. This reduction has necessitated changing about, which interferes with regular school work. Other lines of support have been successfully pursued in Stations which cannot rely upon teaching for income. The financial exhibits presented at this Conference will show all necessary items in this line. Sabbath-Schools are maintained regularly at nearly all the Stations, and the Blessed Spirit has been poured out in the sessions.

"To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
"Who sweetly all agree
"To save a world of sinners lost
"Eternal glory be!"

A. E. Withey, Presiding Elder.

The Secretary was authorized to arrange the Reports in tabulated form and so insert them in the minutes. The letter accompanying the Malange Report was authorized to be placed on file, refering in detail to the work, and especially to the training-school and children, not included in the Elders' Report, also the fact that by mechanical industry they had earned $1000.00—

Tabulated Report of Stations

For the year ending Aug. 15th 1889, except Loanda, which is for the three last months.

1889.	Mission Property—						Income—				Expenditures.		Donations.		
	Building and Farms.	Mdse and Cash.	Live Stock	Machinery Tools &c.	Furniture	Total.	School.	Farm.	Mechanical Industries.	Store	House Expenses.	Property Outlays	Mission Property	for Expenses	for Machinery Tools &c.
Loanda.	5000.00			25.00	Organs 175.00 300.00	5.500.00	51.03			Books 15.42	61.50	66.95	60.00	2.00	on $572.73, divided among Stations—
Dondo.	3000.00			400.00	50.00	3450.00						328.35	360.00		
N'hangue	1175.00	676.08	605.00	425.00	50.00	2931.08		Cattle. 79.48		135.78	129.27	153.24	2226		
Pungo Andt.	1250.00	364.08	103.00	50.00	75.00	1840.08		Cattle. 14.62		681.63	463.50	78.93			

								Cattle							Appropriations
Pungo Andt.	1250.00	364.08	103.00	50.00	75.00	1840.08		14.62		681.63	463.50	78.93			
Quiongua	125.00	35.13		10.00		170.13				~~681.63~~		30.00	30.00		
Malange	2600.00	200.00	426.25	450.00	100.00	3776.25		100.00	~~1000~~.00	80.00	500.00	700.00	200.00	100.00	
	13150.00	1273.29	1134.25	1360.00	750.00		51.03	194.10	1000.00	912.83	1154.27	1357.47	672.25	102.00	572.73
	Total property in Angola.					17667.54									

Committees

Committee on religious exercises were requested to a
gramme for tomorrow. On motion, Conference appo
tee on Conference expenses and travelling expenses of
tee consisting of the Elder, Bro. Dodson and Bro. Gord

Recommended to Africa Conference

Bro. Saml. J. Mead, Chas. G. Rudolph
C. Withey were recommended for admission on tr
Africa Annual Conference. Pungo Andong
as the place for the next meeting of District Con

Vote of

A vote of love was extended the dear Elder for his patie
fulness during this Conference. A vote of loving
of service was tendered the Secretary. Minutes of C

Minutes approved

read and approved. Appointments were as fol

Appointments

Loanda,	Wm. P. Dodson, Supt.
Dondo,	To be supplied
Nhangue-a-Pepo,	Chas. G. Rudolph.
Quiongua	To be supplied
Pungo Andongo,	Chas. W. Gordon, Supt., Herbert C. Withey, Irene F. Wit Lottie May and Florence Steele W Susan Collins.
Malange	Saml. J. Mead, Supt.; Ardella Mead, Wm. H. Mead and Robert Shields.

Adjournment

On motion of Bro. Wm. H. Mead, Conference adjourned. The El
diction.

Amos E. Withey

Wm. P. Dodson,

Seventh Annual Meeting

District Conference of Angola District of Africa Conference

Nhangue Pepo, Sept. 4th 1890.

~~Seventh Annual Meeting~~ -

Members Present

Our Presiding Elder, Rev. Amos E. Withey arrived today from Pungo Andongo and opened Conference according to appointment at 1 1/2 oclock P.M., members present Rev. A. E. Withey, Irene F. Withey, Wm. H. Mead, Minnie A. Mead, Lottie M. Withey, Florence S. Withey, Johnnie H. Mead, Willie J. Mead Julia Mead, Taylor Withey Mead, Charlie Dodson Mead and Wm. P. Dodson. Opening Exercises The 734th hymn was joined in by all, after which, the Elder read the first ten verses of the 17th Chapter of Genesis. He then stated that the feeling of his heart was in accord with that of Abraham. He felt desirous that, dispossessed of plans, we might let God talk to us and shape our Conference for us. He then led us in prayer, in which we joined, and arose blessed in our souls, confiding in God. The gentle tender love of God seemed to pervade the place, and have the greatest space in all hearts and minds. On motion of Bro. W. H. Mead, Bro. W. P. Dodson was chosen secretary. After some conversation, Conference adjourned to meet Saturday at 5 o'clock in the morning.

Addenda.

(Conference was appointed to meet at Pungo Andongo; but was changed to Nhangue Pepo by consent of all members of last Conference, as seemed to be indicated by existing providences.)

Saturday, Sept. 6. 1890 - Second Session -

After Arrivals.

Conference met at 5 oclock A.M., Friday having been observed as a day of rest. Members present, same as at first recorded, with the addition of Bros. Robert Shields, Herbert C. Withey and Sammie L. Mead, who had ridden out to Mukissah to meet their bretheren expected from Dondo.

Devotions,
The 798th hymn was sung, the Elder afterward reading the scripture beginning "Wherefore he is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for us." Then from Jeremiah. This was followed by prayer and singing, and the reading of the records of last meeting, which were approved.

Conference Programme
Bros. Wm. H. Mead, Wm. P. Dodson and Chas. W. Gordon were appointed Committee on Religious & Literary Exercises. On motion of Bro. Mead, the following Conference programme was decided on: To arouse at 4 o'clock in the morning; devotional session from 5 to 7 A.M.; ~~almoço~~ breakfast quarter before 11; business session at 1 o'clock P.M.; ~~jantar~~ dinner 4½; retiring at 8 o'clock P.M. On motion meeting adjourned.

(Saturday, 1 o'clock P.M. 3rd. Session.

The 476th hymn was sung, followed by prayer. Exercises for the Sabbath (tomorrow) were agreed upon as presented by the Committee, viz: 5 o'clock A.M. session; 9½ o'clock session in "kimbunda"; afternoon service 2 o'clock, preaching by Bro. Withey, to be followed by Class-meeting with special reference to our children, and native members of Church. On motion, Conference adjourned.)

Sunday, Sept. 7th 1890.

Sabbath Services
The Sabbath exercises were full of blessing. Bros. C. W. Gordon and C. A. Borello, having arrived from Dondo, joined with us. The 9½ o'clock A.M. service in kimbunda was led by Bro. Shields, and was participated in generally. It was an impressive service, and we trust the Lord of the harvest. The 2 o'clock service was opened by singing the 828th and 829th hymns, after which, the infant son of Bro. Wm. H. and Sister Minnie A. Mead was baptized by Bro. Dodson, the child being named Charles Dodson Mead, from his two bretheren Dodson and Gordon. After the baptism, the Elder preached an instructive sermon to the children, after which he administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, assisted by Bro. Dodson, to all present, including native members of the Church. The children followed with their testimony for Jesus. Meeting was dismissed with the benediction by Bro. Gordon.

(Monday Sept. 8th 5 o'clock, A.M.

Conference opened by singing the 478th hymn, after which, the Elder read from the 3rd & 4th chapters of Phillipians. The 481st hymn was sung. The Elder then read from Mr. Wesley's sermon on the circumcision of the heart, otherwise described in the sermon as: "That habitual disposition of the soul, which, in the sacred writings is termed 'holiness'" We knelt together in prayer, and humbly and thankfully record that the Holy Ghost descended upon us in great power, sanctifying by faith Bros. Robert Shields, Herbert Withey and Bro. Borella, and building up all present in our most holy faith which is in Jesus. Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Dodson. After some consulting together touching the good of the children, Conf. adjourned.)

Monday Sept. 8th 1 P.M.

Postponement of business

At this point in the proceedings of Conference two considerations arose: 1st, the stage at which we find the property improvements now going on, requiring strenuous united labor in order to finish (~~one~~ an uncovered roof &c). 2nd That a business session is dependent more or less on reports to be made and other unfinished business which require time. Things being so, it was thought best to postpone the business of the Conference, continuing our devotional exercises at 5 A.M. and also at 1 P.M.

Devotional meetings

This order of exercises with intervening labors ~~has~~ continued over the space of time between Sept 8th and 24th, which ~~has~~ included many gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit as we have sung together and heard the word of God, the exhortations of the Elder, and readings from "Wesley's Sermons" and "Plain Account" and "Fletcher's Checks", and waited on the Lord. Bro. Wm H. Mead read from the Discipline those paragraphs relating to Conferences which were prayerfully considered, and are as follows; It is desired that all things be considered on these occasions as in the immediate presence of God: that every person speak freely whatever is in his heart. In order therefore, that we may best improve our time at the Conferences, 1st While while we are conversing, let us have special care to set God always before us. 2nd In the intermediate hours, let us redeem all the time we can

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for private exercises. 3rd Therein let us give ourselves unto prayer, for one another and for a blessing on our labor." Those words from the "Plain account" received prayerful consideration, reading:- "Good works do not receive their last perfection, till they, as it were, lose themselves in God. This is a kind of death to them, resembling that of our bodies, which will not attain to their highest life, their immortality, till they lose themselves in the glory of our souls, or rather of God, wherewith they shall be filled. And it is only what they had of earthly and mortal, which good works lose by this (spiritual death.)

(On Sabbath Sept. 14th the usual early morning service was held at which the Elder read the sermon on Divine Providence. In connection with the Holy Sacrament, preachin service was held at 1 o'clock P.M. the Committee having placed the serv ces in charge of the Elder. Bro. Dodson having been appointed, endeavored to present the command of the Saviour:- "This do in remembrance of me". Little Julia Mead at her own request received the Communion administered to her in bed, where she had bee sick some days. Mgady, the native boy who for near two yea has served us faithfully, and diligently as cook in Pungo Undongo, partook also of the sacrament, thus confessing desire to flee from the wrath to come, and faith in Jesus. He thus joined the church. On Sabbath Sept 21st, in addition to the early morning service, according to appointment of Committee, was a service in Kimbunda at 10½ o'clock led by Bro. Wm. H. Mead, which wa well attended and very profitable. At 1 o'clock service was also held, at which Bro. Gordon preached from 2nd Timothy 2nd Chapte and 22nd verse: "Flee also youthful lusts, but follow righteousness faith, charity, peace with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." This also was a very precious season to all our hearts.)....

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Resumption of business Conference was called together by the Elder at 3 o'cl P.M.. The 805th hymn was sung, after which the Elder read from

Revelation, and expounded the same. The 86th hymn was then sung, and we knelt in prayer. Minutes approved After prayer, the minutes (extending over the space of time from Sept. 8th to 27th) were read and approved. Presiding Elders Report The Elder then read his (See Report) report (as follows:–

Presiding Elders Report to District Conference
of Angola District of the Africa Conference
held at Nhanguea Pepo. Sept. 4th 1890.

Fellow Missionaries:–

God was with us at our Conference of 1889, has been with us through the year, and is with us now. "Not by might nor by power" but, "by my spirit", still "saith the Lord" of hosts". Let us bring forth the headstone of five years of building with him in Angola, with shoutings;– "Grace, grace unto it". The first two years of our history seem a "day of small things" – who hath despised it? The last three years look much like the history of twelve men called from boats, nets, public office profession &c to learn that "it is my Spirit saith the Lord", whose notions and plans of what their Blessed Lord of all wanted were lovingly dismissed by him, and they pointed to his simple and comprehensive instruction: "Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me. The proving of such a company has always consumed much time, so has it been with us; but we certainly see signs of pentecostal simplicity of intention and purity of affection, oneness of soul, and great desire to be carried away with the things that are lowly among us. Have we not a well grounded hope that the saved shall be added unto us? In nearly all the stations there are some from among the heathen whose exact relation to God I cannot affirm, but who do give evidence of turning toward God, and may at last be rated as "Servants of God looking toward sonship.

They were baptized by our beloved Bishop Taylor during his vis last year, and entered as probationers. One of these a lad, Muhongo by name, of Nhangue died recently, very suddenly, whom we hope had saving faith. He was at church the Sabbath before his death, and gave indications of an attentive hear to understand the way of salvation. One turned away like those at Capernaum to whom the gospel sounded as a hard saying; others to wallow in the mire of nature and custom. Our probationers will not exceed 20 at this time. Death has made no deman on our missionaries this year. One only has left us for America C. G. Rudolph. Charles Dodson Mead has been added by birth, son of W. H. & Minnie Mead. L. C. Burling and wife, with 2 children and Janette Roseman have arrived from (Jany. 6 1890) America, and occupy Loanda Station. Thus we number 25. Christian A. Borella from Denmark, has been among us since February last, and rendered much assistance. We think the Lord would have him remain with us. I have been led to spend abou 1 month in Malange, 3 in Pungo, 2 in Nhangue 4 in Dondo and 2 in Loanda during the Conference Year. Much diligence in acquiring the language and preaching the word everywher has been shown, together with seeking love that edifieth as an antidote for the puff of knowledge, and as the source fro whence all good works flow. The tabular statement of finance submitted herewith, will show what the Lord has been mindful to add to our seeking first the kingdom and his righteousness; and will show that the total income on the field has been in excess of the expenses, and that all donations from every source are represented by outlays on property which have more value than the amount expended, as the labo of our own skilled missionaries is not included in the valuation. The rules largely followed in this statement of value of mission property, is that of cost only, which in many cases is much less than they could be bought for. Our dear Bishop who has a wider range of estimate based upon location, land-rights and advantages, gives a much higher value, hence an apparent disagreement may be easily understood. Our dear Bro. S. J. Mead and wife, having no children of their own, are providentially working out the method of taking native children from their homes and rearing them in a Mission Station. We desire our Fathers holy will to be done in it as it is done in heaven; and I have been led to lovingly exhort them to walk diligently before the Lord in proving his way. Those who have children of their own whose entire sanctification they groan after, may well desire to wait until it is accomplished before admitting others in the same state to their hearth-stone, lest the balance of power be so great, as to defeat the end in view in both cases. It seemeth good to the Holy Ghost and to me to declare concerning our health as missionaries, that; 1st. It is essential that mental and muscular labor should be equally combined. 2nd. Regularity of sleep should be rigidly observed, retiring at 8 or 9 and rising not later than 5. A. M. 3rd. Quiet for brain should be arranged for before retiring. 4th. 6 hours per day is the outside limit for labor in this climate, with one day in seven for entire rest. 5th. As a precautionary measure against severe fevers, a regular treatment once in two months of cinchonizing the system followed by a purgative should be carefully followed. 6th. Carefully limiting the quantity of hearty food at one meal. 7th. An ample protection of the head neck and spine from the heat of the sun. Above all;

"Let love in one delightful stream
Through every bosom flow;
And union sweet and dear esteem
In every action glow."

In humble love,
A. E. Withey.

Approval of Report

On motion of Bro. W. H. Mead, Conference as a body voted its unanimous accord in the the Report of the Elder.

Tabulated Report of Stations,
for the year ending Aug. 15th 1890.

1890.	Mission Property					Total	Income				Expenditures		Donations		
	Buildings & Farms.	Mdse & Cash	Live Stock	Machinery Tools &c	Furniture		School	Farm	Mechanical Industries	Store.	House Ex.	Property outlays	For Mission Property	For Expenses	For Machinery Tools &c.
Loanda.	5000.00			38.00	500.00	5538.00	137.00 Brd & Ldg. 210.80		181.50		481.40	Taxes. 38.60		355.76	
Dondo.	3080.00	31.67		360.00	50.00	3521.67				161.93	130.29	80.00	80.00		
Mangue.	1542.80	1185.45	553.00	475.00	69.34	3825.59		Live Stock 213.22		250.38	233.75	387.14	536.92	78.75	50.00
Quiongua.	125.00	35.13		10.00		170.13									
Pungo Andongo.	1523.26	329.59	283.00	90.00	152.15	2378.00		Live Stock 51.35		841.38	576.60	350.42	98.05	78.75	
Malange.	2700.00	150.00	300.00	400.00	100.00	3650.00		Farm. 170.00	200.00	150.00	300.00	200.00		29.00	
		Total property in Angola				19083.39									

Committee on Publication

The Elder stated to Conference that he had in the interim between Conferences appointed Bros. Dodson and Gordon a Committee to revise Kimbunda hymns which had been providentially developed. Their report was as follows:-

Report of Publication Committee.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have been separated considerably in the providence of God, but have had somewhat concerted action, and as a result have now in the Kimbunda Hymn Book about 14 hymns which have been somewhat revised and cleared of errors and there are about half as many more hymns awaiting examination. Respectfully submitted.

Wm. P. Dodson & Chas. W. Gordon
Committee.-

On motion report of Committee was received and the Committee continued as Publication Committee for Kimbunda Hymns and Literature. On motion, Bro. W. H. Mead was added to Publishing Comm.

Conference Expenses

Committee on Presiding Elder's Expenses reported said expenses to be Rs. 41$596. and Conference expenses Rs 54$298.

* Renewal of Recommendation

It was voted that, as the last year's recommendation of Robt. Shields, Saml. J. Mead & Herbert C. Withey for admission on trial into the Africa Conference did not reach the Conference, they be now recommended for the same.

Place of next Conf.

On motion of Bro. W. H. Mead, Conference was appointed to meet next year at Nhangue-a-Pepo.

Financial Reports

The financial reports from the different stations were made up in the form of tabulated statement. On motion of Bro. Gordon, the Secretary was authorized to insert the financial items for Loanda into the tabulated statement when received. (See statement) * On motion of Bro. Mead, it was voted that the Conference expenses be equally divided between Dondo, Nhangue and Pungo Andongo, and the expenses of Presiding Elder between all the stations equally.

Appointments

The Elder then read the Appointments which were as follows:-

Appointments 1890.

Malange;- S. J. Mead, Supt.; Ardella Mead; Susan Collins.

Pungo Andongo;- C. W. Gordon, Supt.;
Mrs. Irene F. Withey, Lottie & Florence Withey.

Quiongua; Robt. Shields, Supt.

Nhangue-a-Pepo;- Wm. H. Mead, Supt. Mrs. Minnie A. Mead,
John, Samuel, William, Julia, Taylor, and
Charles D. Mead. & Herbert C. Withey.

Dondo; W. P. Dodson, Supt.

Loanda;- L. C. Burling, Supt.; Mrs. Burling, Lancaster
Burling, Beverly Burling & Janette Roseman.

Building operations

The Elder gave a talk upon building operations &c of Stations saying in substance, that such operations, if allowed to be borne solely by those appointed there, hinders works of mercy and labors of love: but if we are all so shifted in the will of the Lord as to concentrate labor, according to existing need, the general work and general good, would not be hindered. Minutes were read and approved. Adjournment On motion of Bro. Gordon, Conference adjourned subject to the call of the Elder.

Amos E. Withey P.E.

Wm. P. Dodson,
Secretary.

Eighth Annual Meeting

District Conference. Conference of Angola District of Africa Conference

Nhangue-a-Pepo July 30th 1891.

~~Eighth Annual Meeting~~

Members Present

Conference assembled according to appointment at Nhangue-a-Pepo, July 30th at 3 o'clock P.M., the elder, Rev. A. E. Withey presiding.

Members Present:- A. E. Withey, Irene F. Withey, Wm H. Mead Minnie A. Mead, Samuel J. Mead, Ardella Mead, Robt Shields Lizzie Whiteside Shields, Jeannie Peck, Lottie Withey, Florence Withey Julia Mead, Chas. W. Gordon, Herbert C. Withey, ~~Wm Schneidemiller~~ Wm S. Miller John Mead, Willie Mead, Taylor Withey Mead, Wm P. Dodson.

Opening Exercises

The hymn was sung beginning:-

"Pure baptismal fire divine:
(All thy heavenly powers exert.
In my deepest darkness shine,
Spread thy warmth through all my heart.")

The Elder read from 1st Chronicles the account of David's consulting with the captains and every leader, and assaying to carry the Ark of God on the new cart, and its final bringing up to Jerusalem born by the Levites according to the commandment delivered to Moses. The Elder's exposition of the scripture was blessed to the good of all, and made by the Blessed Spirit to abound in appropriate suggestions to all hearts.

Secretary & Committees

After the season of praise and prayer that followed, W. P. Dodson was chosen secretary, and the following committees were appointed:- On religious and literary exercises, Wm H. Mead, Robt. Shields, Herbert C. Withey; On Presiding & Conf. Expenses, Chas. W. Gordon; Publication Committee for Kimbundu hymns and literature, W. P. Dodson, C. W. Gordon, and W. H. Mead.

Conference Program

The following conference program was adopted:- Rise at 4 A.M. Cafe Devotional Services 5 to 7. ~~Almoço~~ Breakfast 10.45. Business Session 3 P.M. ~~Jantar~~ Dinner 4.30. Retiring 8 P.M. Friday was set apart as rest day.

The doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. S. J. Mead.

Saturday Aug. 1st 1891. 3 o'clock P.M.

devotions
Conference opened by singing the hymn beginning:-
"O worship the King all glorious above". The Elder then read from the Psalms the praises of the Lord, after which followed prayer. Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. Bro.
~~Sabbath~~ services
W. H. Mead read the following report for the Committee on Religious and literary exercises. Lord's Day Aug 2nd 1891, Social meeting preaching and Sacrament commencing at 5 o'clock A.M., conducted by our Presiding Elder A. E. Withey. Preaching in Kimbundu at 10½ o'clock A.M., conducted by ~~Rev.~~ C. W. Gordon. Sunday School at 2½ o'clock p.m., conducted by ~~Rev.~~ W. P. Dodson. Jantar 4 o'clock and preaching at the Caravancera immediately after, conducted by ~~Rev.~~ Robt. Shields, assisted by all who were led to go with and help him. On motion meeting adjourned. Doxology was sung, and benediction pronounced by ~~Rev.~~ W. H. Mead.

Monday Aug. 3rd 1891.

Yesterday being the Sabbath, the programme was followed according to appointment of Committee. Conference assembled at 3 o'clock P.M. The hymn was sung beginning "The God of Abraham praise". The Elder then read the account of Pharaoh's fear of the Children of Israel: his determination to afflict them: God's deliverance through the very means of oppression, by the hand of Moses. This was followed by a precious season of prayer and praise. Minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved. On motion, Bro. Wm. H. Mead was requested to write up the doings of Sabbath for publication in the African News. On motion, meeting adjourned

Tuesday Aug. 4th 1891.

Conference assembled in business at 3 P.M. The hymn was sung beginning: "Give me the enlarged desire
And open, Lord my soul."
The Elder continued the reading of yesterday including the ex-

periences of Moses in the land of Midian while the Lord was preparing him for his mission to his bretheren in Egypt. Then followed waiting upon the Lord and singing. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved. The Elder then read the following words relating to the improvement of time:- "It is desired that all things be considered as in the immediate presence of God. In the intermediate hours, let us redeem all the time we can for private exercises and let us give ourselves to prayer for one another, and for a blessing on this our labor." Some conversation was had with regard to the receiving and rearing of additional native children to be adopted into our station families. The Elder remarked that we are looking toward the ingathering of such, and trust to have the property in condition in time to receive them by the time they are ready for us. On motion meeting adjourned. Benediction was pronounced by the Elder.

Wednesday Aug. 5th 1891. 3 o'clock P.M.

The hymn was sung beginning:-

"Thou hidden source of calm repose".

The Elder read and expounded the 13th Chap. of 1st Corinthians, and kneeling in prayer, Conference sought the love therein described. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The Elder remarked that we have made progress on accounts, but not being yet in shape to report the business sessions had thus far been improved in profitable prayer. After a loving exhortation from the Elder, relating to being "without carefulness", and experience of Brother Gordon in relation to the instruction received from the Lord today as to the simplicity of "opening wide the mouth" and being filled by the Lord, Conference adjourned. Benediction was pronounced by Brother Dodson.

Thursday, Aug. 6th 1891. 3 o'clock P.M.

Conference assembled in the room of Bro. Robt. Shields, who was afflicted with rheumatism. Without other ceremony we were led to prayer, and continued in this attitude throughout the session. The spirit of grace and humble supplication being granted to such degree as to mark this as a true "business session" with the Lord. Prayer was made for the Secretary that he be enabled by the Holy Ghost to record as to matter and manner what the Lord would be pleased to have preserved. On motion, meeting adjourned. Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Shields from his sick bed.)

Saturday Aug. 8th 1891. 3 o'clock, P.M.

Outing

Yesterday being regular "rest day" there was no session of Conference, and for the greater part, members of Conference sought refreshing in a walk to the Mauricio ~~Quinta~~ Plantation, taking luncheon there and returning to the mission late in the afternoon refreshed in body and soul, having enjoyed a ramble through the tall grass in the fresh air. (praising the name of the Lord and recounting his holy words.)

Devotions

The session today opened by singing the hymn beginning:-

"Infinite, unexhausted love
Jesus and love are one".

This was followed by a blessed season of prayer and praise (after which the Elder read the following from "Wesley's Plain Account" concerning "affliction and resignation": "If we suffer persecution and affliction in a right manner, we obtain a larger measure of conformity to Christ, by a due improvement of one of these occasions, than we could have done merely by imitating his mercy in abundance of good works".)

Sabbath services

The Conference then presented the following order of religious exercises for the Lord's Day Aug. 9th:- Preaching in english at 5 o'clock A.M., by Rev. S. J. Mead. Preaching in kimbundu at 10½ o'clock by Rev. H. C. Withey, Sabbath School at 2½ P.M. by Sister Ardie Mead and Sister Withey. Preaching in kimbundu after S. School by Rev. W. H. Mead assisted by all disposed by the Lord to help. ("Oh to be nothing" was sung) Conference adjourned. The Elder pronounced the benediction.

(Monday Aug. 10th 1891. 3 o'clock P.M.

Conference opened in a session of prayer, which continued for some time in blessing, enlarging and sweetening our souls. In the midst of these exercises, the Elder read the following and other extracts from "Plain Account":- "When we have received any favor from God, we ought to retire, if not into our closets, into our hearts and say 'I come Lord, to return to thee what thou hast given, and I freely relinquish it to return again into my own nothingness, for what is the most perfect creature in heaven or in earth in thy presence, but a void, capable of being filled with thee and by thee as the air which is void and dark, is capable of being filled with the light of the sun'". Minutes of the Saturday meeting were read and approved. There being no further business, meeting adjourned. Bro. Saml. J. Mead pronounced the benediction. Tuesday Aug. 11th 1891. 3 o'clock P.M.

The hymn was sung beginning:-

"Lord, if thou the grace impart,
Poor in spirit, meek in heart,
I shall as my Master be,
Rooted in humility."

"Simple, teachable and mild,
Awed into a little child,
Quiet now without my food
Weaned from every creature-good".

Prayer followed, which was participated in generally and bless to all. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. On motion Bro. C. W. Gordon was chosen to write an account of the services of last Sabbath. Meeting adjourned. Bro. C. W. Gordon pronounced the benediction.)

Wednesday Aug. 12. 1891.

The devotions "5 o'clock A.M." meetings have been held since the beginning of Conference, and has continued full of interest and power of the Holy Ghost. This mornings' meeting was one of unusual power, (the prophetic unction being poured out upon the Elders in an unusual degree, and the spirit of grace and supplication upon all). The "3 P.M. meeting opened by singing the anthem "Oh bless the Lord O my soul

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composed by our dear brother Wm H. Mead, followed by prayer and praise upon our knees. Minutes approved The minutes of the preceding meetings were read and approved. Presiding Elders Report The Presiding Elder then presented his report, ~~which is as follows~~:– (See Report)

"Presiding Elders' Report."

To the District Conference of Angola District,

Dearly Beloved:–

The best of all one can report is, (if it be truly so,) "God is with us". (To what extent we have permitted him to be among us, and the wonders that he hath therefore wrought, is my present delightful privilege to show as he may enable me to do. The scripture report of the early Church bears upon the "oneness of the believers and the fervency of "love" shed abroad by the Holy Ghost given unto them". "This also hath God wrought" for us.) "It has never before been my privilege to be one of a body of such believers as the Lord hath gathered from different parts of the United States and Ireland, and planted in Angola, so universally absorbed with the whole will of God, "counting not their lives dear unto them", "having all things common", without hankerings for salaries or private interests; and so steadfastly "following after love". Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost! Our conference sessions have been pentecostal, and our Station Services have been crowned by the loving presence of the Holy Ghost. All the old Stations have been occupied during the year, and a new one opened at Quiongua. To do this, families have been divided, and hardly a Station has had its necessary force of workers; but in general, from 4 o'clock A.M. until 8 o'clock P.M., with regularity and seasons of rest interspersed, we have been enabled to pray study the Holy Scriptures and two foreign languages, read the sermons and writings of the holiest men we have ever heard of, to translate into Kimbundu a book of hymns, Catechism, the

Ten Commandments, and portions of Scripture for our ambundu bretheren. To teach native children and our own the Word of God; and common English branches of study. To "preach the Word" every Sabbath and other days "in season and out of season". To hold Sabbath Schools, to work with our hands to repair Station property and lay foundations of new and enlargements of old; to care for an increasing trade in five stations; to clothe our adopted children; to relieve the necessities of the poor and needy; to gather the lame, the halt and the blind, and feed them, to sing to them in their own language and teach them the word of God; to treat many sick, to bury the dead and to praise the Lord with cheerful hearts and glad voices of content, worshiping him in the "beauty of holiness". Our present force in Angola consists of 18 adults, and 7 children. We have also 18 native children the majority of which we regard as adopted, and have reasonable grounds of hope that they are secure to us for the Lord. Those who have immediate charge of them manifest adaptation, love, and hence fidelity, and humbly desire to have them become "trees of righteousness of the Lord's planting." There are 25 probationers in the churches that have been organized. We have not felt that the indications warranted organization at every point, although faithful preaching is maintained with increasing power upon the messengers. Of the 25 missionaries mentioned, 3 have only recently arrived, viz. Sister Lizzie Whiteside of Newry, Ireland age 34, who is now the worthy wife and true help-meet of our beloved brother Robert Shields. Sister Jeanne Peck of Wyoming, Iowa, who since the opening of our present Conference, was united in marriage to our faithful Secretary Brother Wm. P. Dodson. Sister Peck came to us, seeming to be frail, but since receiving great benefits of the death and passion of Jesus in her soul, her physical life appears to be greatly invigorated. Truly God is good to Israel!

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Brother William, S. ~~Samuel~~ Miller who has been transfered from Liberia. We find sincerity, love, and a readiness for every good work manifested in this good man. It hath pleased the Lord of the harvest to remove to his heavenly garner but two of our number during the last two years, both of whom were from the family of our loved Brother Wm. H., and Sister Minnie Mead. In opening our new station at Quiongua, in November last, it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and us, to call Robert Shields and Samuel Mead (aged 12) to enter upon the work at that point. To his parents it became an offering of their "Samuel" to the Lord, to serve in his temple. To Samuel it came as a call of God, and was met with the immediate response, "I will go", and he continued there, giving evidence of unusual workings of the Holy Spirit in his heart, maturing him for immortality, until Jany. 1st 1891, when he passed to his reward on high, under the tender attentions of his father who arrived the day before. He sleeps by the side of his sister Nellie, awaiting the resurrection morn. Charlie Dodson Mead their infant son, who received baptism from the hand of one of his name-sakes Rev. Wm. P. Dodson, and through the wondrous atonement of the Lord Jesus, was a true heir of glory, also fell asleep in Jesus, Nov. 5th last. Our beloved and honored Bishop Wm. Taylor arrived in Loanda April 15th, and with me, visited all our Angola stations, travelling by foot and upon a bullock, and ordained 5 of our bretheren, thus qualifying them for the office of Elders, greatly to our comfort and edification. He also baptized about 20 natives, received several on probation, and about 30 into full connection. The unction of the Holy Ghost was most particularly manifested in the 5 o'clock A.M. preaching services. The instruction received, the loving fellowship shown, the exhortation to contend for the prophetic unction rightfully pertaining to the sacred office of the ministry, will be treasured by us through life, the Lord being our helper. The progress made by our adopted children in Malange in studies and grace, was exceedingly cheering to our hearts, and the intense eagerness for their entire sanctification more cheering yet. (I am aflame with desire that we may be fully awake to the danger threatening us if we do not groan after the deliverance from inbred sin in any of us, and our children and our adopted children. Yea the extermination of these original settlers of Canaan. We shall have "pricks in (our) eyes" and "thorns in (our) sides", unless we receive the Holy Ghost in all his fulness, and walk in the Spirit, who alone can renew the heart in perfect love.) Since the Bishop's departure, a native church of three members has been organized at Pungo Andongo. The native church at Nhangue passed through a peculiar ordeal, but there are mercy drops falling upon it. Brother and Sister Dodson have a native "church in their house" of three members, the eldest of which we expect to hear proclaiming the everlasting Gospel with a tongue of fire (for which let us intercede daily with prayer and supplication also. One of the results of the Bishop's visit was, as we think, a partial discovery of the Lord's plan of Circuits for the Province of Angola, or at least the part we are now occupying. In this plan our old stations will be central stations, having each a Supeintendent full of faith and power, making frequent visits like Samuel of old to various sub stations, manned by native helpers when they shall have been raised up, sanctified wholly and proved. Some new sites selected and now being under advisement, will also form central stations in the working of this plan. We are eager to go forward in this, but only under the personal guidance and management of the "Guide", pointed out so clearly by the Lord Jesus when it was "expedient for him to go away" who takes

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up feeble, humble men, and "teaches (them) all things", and "guides (them) (though fallible) "into all truth". It was ~~also~~ decided that the Station at Quiongua should be called "The Benjamin Barrett Mission", as a token of loving rememberance of the donor of the funds for its erection. The new premises, located upon a healthful eminence, will include several good sized one room buildings high and airy, also a two story central building of three rooms, so located that they will constitute a contiguous whole, with each department properly separated to its own quarters. The report of the present condition of the portion already received of the Barrett Fund, will be submitted herewith. Through the benificence of an humble patron who desires his name obscured, an additional property has been purchased in Dondo to be known by his request as the "Mary Estella Withey Memorial Mission" in memory of our dear daughter and sister who closed her holy, happy and lovely life in Dondo, July 30th 1889. Property improvements have been made in all our Stations. Our tabulated statement of finances will show the amount of outlay which has been provided for by direct donation and Station income. We still prefer not to include the value of the work done by our own hands, believing that the wear and tear of property will offset it largely, so that the actual outlay of funds spent for repairs and improvements will be ~~following~~ nearer a just and conservative valuation ~~the line of fulfilling all righteousness~~.
Our mission store trade has been radically changed in character during the year and for the better. The competetive trade in rubber and wax, it has been judged best to discontinue on account of some stolen property in this line being offered for sale, which could not be known to be the rightful property of the seller, and in its place, trade in breadstuffs has been developed which brings us nearer to the people to whom we came and making us fulfill a sort of Joseph office to the natives, which seems to be a great need with them. Our tabulated statement will show if the smiles of the Lord have reached what we have done in this line, as "the best we knew", but those who have served the Lord behind our counters,

-know in their hearts of many smiles, and instructions received that cannot appear in a financial showing. To facilitate our busines interests and furnish enlarged and needed capital a "Trust Fund" has been created by our Bishop based upon certain conditions which will appear in his communication to be presented to the Conference. The repor of the present condition of this fund will be presented herewith. There has been contributed also a fund of two hundred and ten milreis, for the redemption of native girl children from polygamous claims, also a fund of forty-five milreis for securing forever the resting place of our honored dead in Dondo Cemetery to prevent the operation of a reserved privilege on the part of the authorities to re-occupy it for other burials after five years. This will be expended in due time for that purpose.

(And now, beloved, let me prophesy to you in the name of the Lord, that "the Kingdom of heaven is at hand". If we walk in love, the Great Head of the Church will fully restore "The tabernacle of David, and set up the ruins thereof, that the residue of men may seek after the Lord" Oh "receive ye (now) the Holy Ghost!" "Be filled with the Spirit" "Walk in the Spirit" Humbly, Your unworthy Brother.)

Nhangue-a-Pepo, Aug. 12. 1891.

A. E. Withey.

Benj. Barrett Building Fund

The Elder ~~then~~ presented also the report, ~~as follows~~, of the Benj. Barrett Building Fund (See Statement)

– "Benjamin Barrett Building Fund".

– Quiongua –

1889. Dr. | 1888 | Cr.

1889		Dr.			1888		Cr.		
		To Sundries to hand of R. Grant. Tmas	721	015	Aug.		By Amt. for lands. 1889, Nov. Do. (75.000 30.000)	105	000
1891 Apl.	6	" from Shipment of Sept. 1889, un-			1890 Oct.	14	" Do. Furniture Hardware (30.000 17.000 6.000)	53	000
		-sold until this date	260	000	"		" Dwelling House – Legal Papers (45.000 16.760)	61	760
		" Sundries brought out by 1st Expedition	75	000	1891 July	15	" Transfer to Supt. Quiongua	40	244
1889 Aug	27	" Cash by hand of Bishop Taylor	30	000			" 2nd Transfer – Funds in Pungo Andongo. (44.989 141.559)	186	548
May	15	" " from A. Grant for legal papers	16	760			" Mdse in Nhangue-a-Pepo & other Sta	656	223
			1102	775				1102	775

This Report is not included in the Tabulated Statement and assets therein named.

Respectfully submitted

A. E. Withey

Pres. Elder.

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Trust Fund
He then presented his report as Trust Fund Agent. (See Statement) ~~as follows~~:-

Dr. "Trust Fund". Cr.

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Apl.	18	To Sundries by hand of Bishop Wm. Taylor	1283	400	July	16	By Mdse in Custom House	132	910
							" Funds in Dfts on London	667	650
July	31	" Sundries by hand of Jeanne Peck, from New York	132	910			" " " hands of Loanda Agents	82	907
							" Mdse in Dondo Station	532	843
			1416	310				1416	310

This report is entirely distinct from the "Tabulated Statement", and assetts therein mentioned. Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Withey, Trust Fund Agt.

He then read the Bishop's communication to Conference respecting the Trust Fund &c which read as follows;-

To the Presiding Elder and Ministers of the Angola District Conference of the Africa Annual Conference-

Dearly Beloved Bretheren;- I heartily join with you and with our dear Sisters in thanksgiving to our gracious God and Father for the great mercy and love by which he has preserved you, and prospered you in the various departments of your missionary work including self support. In regard to the latter, I respectfully submit for your consideration and concurrence the following propositions to be confirmed by your action under question "no. 4 of the disciplinary order of District Conference business - "Is there any other business?", and be thus settled as permanent articles of agreement between the parties concerned; Viz, I. That we establish a Trust Fund as a basis for your self-supporting productive industries. II, That conditioned on said concurrance and co-operation of said Angola Conference. I now put in, appropriate and pay over as basis of said Trust Fund, from our Africa Fund, the sum of Twelve Hundred and Eighty-three dollars and forty cents (1283.40/100 Dollars). III, That the said Trust Fund shall be increased according to the growth of the work, 1st, by additional appropriations from the African Fund, and gifts directly from our patrons, and 2nd by the annual surplus of profits of each mission station above the current expenses of its various departments of work; but the Capital Stock of said Fund, including its yearly increase, from the sources named, shall not in any wise be diminished. The purpose of said Trust Fund as a basis for successful commerce cattle growing and other productive industries, is to provide each Station, old and new, with goods at cost and carriage rates, (including import duties and inland transport), and other means of self-support. The Missionaries of each station old and new with such facilities are expected by the product of their various industrial resources, first, to provide for their own support, and second, with consent of the Presiding Elder, or Executive Committee to open and build up Sub-Stations to be out appointments of the circuit of which the central station with its "preacher in charge" shall be the head.

¶ Let the supervision of said "Trust Fund" be entrusted by Conference action to the Presiding Elder or an Executive Committee who shall report in detail to each annual meeting of the Conference, the progress of the work entrusted to them. This agreement further witnesseth that the Bishop of Africa shall, by the will of God, pay from "the Africa Fund" 1st, the amount required for personal outfit of clothing, medicines and books for all missionaries whom he shall appoint to labor in Africa 2nd Their passage and incidental expenses from their home to St. Paul de Loanda, Angola: Interior transit and regular support to be developed from the resources of the soil and of the "Trust Fund". The missionaries to be sent out to Angola year by year, not to exceed the number asked for by the Angola Conference. 3rd, The Bishop will from the home "Africa Fund" furnish the funds for opening new central stations, including the erection of plain but permanent mission buildings, furniture, school-books, tools and implements, a few head of cattle, and funds for the redemption of little girls from polygamous slavery for our Infant Missionary Training

Schools. This agreement to go into effect from the date of confirmation by the Angola District Conference to meet in July 1891.

Respectfully submitted by

Dondo, Angola, June 16th. 1891.

Wm. Taylor.

Following this was the Bishop's personal letter, as follows:-

Rev. A. E. Withey, Dear Brother:- The enclosed address to you Conference covers I think, all the points we discussed, and concurred in. The Executive Committee I speak of is not my first choice, for I think you can attend to the business yourself, but I thought possibly you might prefer to have a brother or two associated officially with you. I hereby appoint Rev. A. E. Withey Agent of the Trust Fund of our Angola Missions to be confirmed by the action of the District Conference, and an assistant or two added by the Conference if found desirable. The Lord be with you all, Amen!

Wm. Taylor.

Conference kneeled before God in humble acknowledgment of his gracious presence in our midst, uniting us all more and more strongly in perfect love, graciously revealing himself to our hearts through our dearly beloved Elder, upon whom he has been pleased so bountifully to bestow his grace, especially during the present session of Conference.) (The proposition of the Bishop relating to the Trust Fund) then came up for action of Conference consideration and On motion of Bro. Saml. J. Mead Steward ~~it was~~ received by Conference and confirmed unanimously. On motion of Bro. Dodson, the Bishop's appointment of our Presiding Elder, Rev. A. E. Withey as Trust Fund Agent without the addition of an assistant, was accepted and confirmed unanimously. Meeting adjourned. The benediction was pronounced by Bro. S. J. Mead.

Thursday Aug. 13th. 1891.

Devotion Meeting opened with prayer, (during which the following bearing upon divine guidance was repeated by the Elder;- On every occasion of uneasiness, we should retire to prayer that we may give place to grace and light of God, and then form our resolutions without being

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Statement of Finances

in any pain about what success they may have.) Reports then being in order, ~~the Elder presented~~ the Tabular Statement of finances was presented showing an increase in property of Rs 1674$640 over last year. The Loanda report was not yet received owing to irregularity of mail. On motion of Bro. Gordon, the Tabulated Report as presented by the Elder was accepted, and the Secretary was authorized to insert the Loanda report when received (See Tabulated Statement)

(For Tabulated Statement of Report see next page 1-3)

Publication Committee

The Publication Committee then presented its report ~~which read as follows:-~~ (See Report)

Report of Publication Committee.

Your committee report that there are now about 40 hymns in Kimbundu composed by various members of the Angola Mission and Bro. Heli Chatelain. Of these, 17 are now incorporated in the Hymn Book, having undergone revision. The remainder are in various stages of revision, most of them being already in use in the public services. The Catechism No. 1, with an additional short catechism of scripture names of the old and new Testament, prayers for little children, the Lord's Prayer, Apostles Creed and Ten Commandments have also been translated, and we are seeking the will of the Lord as to the most available means to prepare copies for all our Stations as soon as possible, intending in the mean time to revise the remaining hymns, and extend the work as the Lord leads, looking toward their publication ultimately from the press. We humbly acknowledge the help of the Lord, whose guidance we have diligently sought in all our labors.

Signed - W. P. Dodson,
C. W. Gordon,
W. H. Mead.

On motion of Bro. S. J. Mead, the report was gratefully received. On motion of Bro. R. Shields, Bro. H. C. Withey was added to the Publication Committee.

Place of next Conference

On motion of Bro. S. J. Mead, next Conference was appointed to meet (See page beyond Tab. Statement.)

Tabulated Report of Stations
for the year ending July 15th 1891.

1891.	Mission Property					Total	Income				Expenditures		Donations.		
	Buildings and Farms.	Mdse and Cash.	Live Stock.	Machinery and Tools	Furniture		Live Stock.	Farm.	Mechanical Industries.	Store.	House Exp.	Property Outlays.	For Mission Property	For Expense	For Machinery and Tools, &c.
Loanda.	5100.000			138.000	500.000	5738.000						100.000	100.000		
Dondo.	4396.105			310.000	100.206	4806.311				274.438	269.575	1316.105	1243.495		25.000
Nhangue.	1695.057	761.660	694.500	487.500	103.740	3742.457	171.634		5.000	335.922	470.432	152.257			27.000
Quiongua.	361.786		22.655	47.960	49.039	481.440	114.852			250.546	230.022	236.786	236.786		54.000
Pungo A°.	1627.280	572.361		90.000	145.180	2434.821	54.676			503.286	397.121	104.020			
Malange	2750.000	250.000	200.000	300.000	125.000	3625.000		250.000	200.000	180.000	357.000	200.000			
							341.162						1580271		106.000
	Total Property in Angola, Rs					20828.029					724150				

at Quiongua. Conference adjourned. Benediction was pronounced by Bro W. H. Mead.

Saturday Aug. 15th 1891. 3 o'clock P.M.

Conference opened by singing and prayer (the hymn beginning:-

"Come Holy Ghost all quickening fire.
My consecrated heart inspire".

Report from Loanda

The Elder then led in fervent prayer) ~~The~~ A report from Loanda not including finances was read, which stated (received and accepted as partial report, and is as follows:- Report of Loanda Station.)

1st The religious condition of the charge is greatly improving. 2nd Pastoral labors - The stated work is a service every Sunday morning, at which I have been assisted for some time by our Brother Manoel Chances for religious conversation are coming more and more, as I know more of the language. 3rd, No benevolent collections (4th Church periodicals; One copy of the "Central Christian Advocate", one copy of "Divine Life")

~~Respectfully submitted~~,
L. C. Burling P.C.

It was then voted that all the reports previously received by the Conference, be adopted. The order of religious exercises for Lord's Day was presented by the Committee, and accepted, as follows:-

Lord's Day Aug 16. 1891.

Social meeting and preaching in english by Brother Dodson, commencing at 7 o'clock A.M. Preaching at 10 o'clock in Kimbundu by our Elder, A. E. Withey: Sabbath School at 2 o'clock P.M., conducted by Sister Lizzie Shields: Preaching in english by our Elder and Holy Communion, commencing at 3½ o'clock P.M.

Wm. H. Mead,
R. Shields,
H. C. Withey.

W. S. Miller

The Elder then presented the name of Bro. Wm ~~Schneidermiller~~ Wm S. Miller as a candidate for admission on trial into the travelling connexion, and in mo-

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tion of Bro. Robert Shields, it was voted to recommend him. The Elder then stated that the Bishop has requested that this Conference express their desire as to the new missionaries for the coming year. On motion of Bro. Wm. H. Mead this matter was refered to the Elder for conference with the bretheren, the result to be reported to the Bishop.

Conference Expenses

Bro. Gordon presented the following report of Committee on Conference and Presiding Elders expenses: ~~Your Committee on Conference Expenses begs leave to report as follows:-~~

Travelling expenses to and from Conference of different members of the Conference. –	Rs	47$394
Table expenses and servants wages during Conference		62$874
		110:268
Travelling expenses of Presiding Elder for the past year, including a journey of about 600 miles, comprising the entire Circuit of the Mission Stations in Angola		25:030
~~Respectfully submitted,~~	Rs	135$298

~~Nhangue Aug 15/91.~~ ~~Charles W. Gordon.~~

On motion the report was received and adopted, and the amount ordered to be deducted from the surplus amount of income of the stations for the past year, and the balance of the income to be conveyed to the Trust Fund. (The Elder then read the following paper including a resolution relating to fasting:- "In reviewing the rules drawn up and left by the Rev. John Wesley which the "Conference of 1797 declared they 'consented to when they were admitted, and by which they were regulated during his life', and which they 'believed were essential to the existence of Methodism', we find the following concerning

Fasting

Do you fast every Friday? The neglect of this is sufficient to account for our feebleness and faintness of spirit. We are continually grieving the Holy Spirit by the habitual neglect of a plain duty! Let us ammend from this hour. There are several degrees of fasting which cannot hurt your health. Begin next Friday and avow this duty wherever you go. Touch no tea, coffee or chocolate in the morning; but, if you want it, a little milk or water gruel. Dine on potatoes, and if you want it, eat three or four ounces of flesh in the evening. But at other times eat no flesh-suppers. These exceedingly tend to breed nervous disorders.

Resolved, that we adopt this principle for the government of ourselves and our children.

On motion of Bro. Wm. H. Mead the resolution was adopted.

Appointments

The Elder then presented the list of appointments, as follows:-

Appointments.

Loanda Station,-

L. C. Burling Supt., Mrs. C. B. Burling, Lancaster & Bertie Burling.

Loanda Infant Mission Training School,

Janette Roseman.

Dondo,

C. V

C. W. Gordon, Supt., Wm. J. Miller ~~Schneidermiller~~.

Nhangue-a-Pepo.

Wm. H. Mead, Supt., Minnie A. Mead, John Mead, Willie Mead, Julia & Taylor Mead.

Quiongua,

W. P. Dodson, Supt., Jeanne Peck Dodson.

Pungo Andongo,

Robt. Shield Supt., Lizzie Shields, Herbert C. Withey.

Canandua Infant Mission Training School,

Irene F. Withey, Lottie M. Withey, & Florence S. Withey.

Malange,

Saml. J. Mead, Supt., Ardella Mead, Susan Collins.

Minutes

On motion of Bro. C. W. Gordon, the Secretary was requested to send a

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copy of the minutes of this Conference to the African News for publication. Minutes of present meeting were read and approved. Conference then adjourned, subject to the call of the Elder.

Amos Edwin Withey
P. E.

W. P. Dodson,
Secretary

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Angola Mission - Ninth Annual Meeting

District Conference of Angola Missions

note:- Name of "Africa Conference" re changed to Liberia Conference", with Equator for southern limit.

Quiongua, Thursday, August 11th 1892.

Members Present

Conference according to appointment met at the "Benjamin Barrett Mission", Quiongua, Thursday Aug. 11th 1892, at 2½ o'clock P.M. Rev. A. E. Withey presiding. Members present;- A. E. Withey, Irene F. Withey, Robert Shields, Susan Collins, Lottie M. Withey, Florence S. Withey, C. W. Gordon, Herbert C. Withey, W. P. Dodson.

Opening Exercises

The hymn was sung beginning:-

"Sing we to our conquering Lord
A new triumphant song.
Joyfully his deeds record
And with a thankful tongue," which was followed

by prayer. Bro. Dodson was chosen Secretary.

Committees

Committee on literary and religious exercises as chosen were Robert Shields, C. W. Gordon, H. C. Withey, Irene F. Withey.

Conference Program

The following Conference program was adopted: Rising 4 o'clock A.M., Devotional meeting from 5 to 7., ~~Almoço~~ Breakfast 11., Business session 2½ P.M, ~~Jantar~~ Dinner 4.30, Retiring 8 o'clock.

Expense Expenses

Bro. C. W. Gordon was appointed Committee on Conference and Elder's expenses. On motion of Bro. C. A. Gordon, Friday was appointed to be observed as a day of fasting, rest and prayer during the Conference, with devotional exercises at 12½ o'clock. The Elder then read those comfortable and serious words from the Revelation beginning:- "And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying: "Behold the tabernacle of God is with man and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them and be their God; and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away". The Sabbath Services Committee returned the following program for Sabbath: Preaching by Brother Withey at 5 o'clock A.M. Preaching in Kimbundu at 10 o'clock by Brother Gordon. Sabbath School at 2.30 P.M., conducted by Brother Dodson's, Preaching at the kilombo at 3½ o'clock by Bro. A. C. Withey. Adjournment Minutes were read and approved. On motion, Conference adjourned. Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Dodson.

(Saturday Aug. 13th, 2½ o'clock P.M.

Business meeting was called at the appointed time. There being no business ready for reports, devotional exercises took precedence. Hymns no. 616 and 617 of Wesley collection were sung, being a part of the 118th Psalm in verse. The Elder then read from the Acts, Stephens apology, and drew therefrom many comforting lessons applicable to our present state and past history, and the future hope of the Church in this sin wilderness of Angola. The two last verses of the hymn were suggestive of the entire meeting and are as follows:-

"The foolish builders, scribe and priest
"Reject it with disdain
"Yet on this rock the Church shall rest
"And envy rage in vain
"What though the gates of hell withstood
"Yet must this building rise
"'Tis thine own work almighty God,
"And wondrous in our eyes".

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Meeting adjourned. Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Shield

Monday Aug 15th. 2½ o'clock P.M.

Yesterday being the Sabbath, the program of the committee was followed, and the day was a blessed one to all, and we believe other lives were blessed according to God's word. Today Conference assembled in business session as appointed, but the services were all of a devotional character. Hymns 87 and 304 were sung followed by reading by the Elder from Ephesians 3rd. chapter and comfortable exhortation. The way thus prepared, there followed prayer and praise. Letter from Sister Minnie Mead, Malange, was read, full of hope and thankfulness, and acquiescence in the divine will in all things. On motion, meeting adjourned

Tuesday Aug. 16th 2½ o'clock P.M.

Meeting opened at usual hour. We had the joy of greeting meeting Brother Miller in conference session today. He arrived from Dondo with the ox-cart and oxen, coming up as out of great tribulation with joy, having been helped of the Lord through great difficulties. Brother Saml. J. Mead and Sister Ardella are also among us, having arrived from Malange Saturday afternoon last; but have not been present as yet at Conference session, on account of sickness of Brother Sam. Hymn no 508 of Wesley Collection was sung beginning:

"God of love who hearest prayer
"Kindly for thy people care".

The Elder read from St. John 6th chapter of the bread-seeking multitude to whom Jesus revealed their own hearts, kindly pointing them to something higher. Kind and loving were the manifestations of the Spirit to our hearts in prayer which followed, at which time we renewed our covenant to be all the Lord's, and seek his praise and love alone. Meeting adjourned, and benediction was pronounced by the Elder.

Wednesday Aug. 17th – 2½ P.M.

Meeting opened as usual, and the 752nd. hymn was sung.

The Elder read from the 20th chapter of St. John of the meeting of Jesus with the disciples after the resurrection and their fear: also from the 6th chapter of the Acts of the scourging of the apostles for preaching the resurrection from the dead, and their departing with joy at the privilege. We kneeled in prayer and sought and received anew the Holy Ghost. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Meeting adjourned, and Brother Gordon pronounced the benediction.

Thursday, Aug. 18th - 2 1/2 P.M.

Devotional exercises still continued at this hour in place of business which is still unready for report. Bro. Saml. J. Mead and Sister Ardella whose coming we have already noted, appeared in conference session for the first time, the Lord having recovered our dear brother from his sickness. The 515th hymn was sung, after which the Elder read from the 4th and 5th chapters of Ephesians. A comforting season of prayer followed. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Meeting adjourned and the benediction was pronounced by Bro. S. J. Mead.)

Saturday Aug. 20th - 2 1/2 o'clock P.M.

Devotional Meeting opened by singing the 511th and 512th hymns. The Elder read from Collossians 1st chapter and exhorted the church to the "all pleasing" therein described. Conference united in prayer and thanksgiving. The presence of Bro S. J. Mead was thankfully noted he having arrived since the opening session and been through a severe sickness [illegible] [illegible] to the Statistics. Mrs. Mead was also present and Bro. H. C. Withey from Dondo after a California trip & bringing [illegible] [illegible] cart [illegible]. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The Elder then read a section from the minutes of the General Statistics of Conf. Conference (held this year in Omaha) that informs us of our separation from the Liberia Conference and inclusion in the Congo Mission Conference for which a charter has been granted. Committee on Devotional Sabbath services Exercises made the following report for the Sabbath: - Preaching at 5 o'clock A.M. by Bro. S. J. Mead, followed by the Sacrament. Preaching in Kimbunder at 10 o'clock by Bro. Shields. Sabbath School at 2.30 P.M., conducted by Sister Ardella Mead, assisted by the other sisters. Preaching in Kimbunder at Kilombo at 4 P.M., by Bro. A. E. Withey. Meeting adjourned. Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Dodson.

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(Monday Aug. 22nd – 2½ o'clock.

The program of the Committee for Sabbath services as recorded was followed yesterday, and it was a day of unusual blessing. Meeting assembled as usual today. Hymns No. 316, 317 and 313 were sung, after which the Elder exhorted each and all to present particular request to the Lord remembering the promise. After prayer, the Elder read from Phillippeans 2nd chapter, from 13th to 16th verses, and Mr. Wesley's notes thereupon. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved. Business being yet unready for report, meeting adjourned, and the Elder pronounced the benediction.

Tuesday Aug. 23rd – 2½ o'clock.

The 62nd, 63rd, and 64th hymns were sung, followed by reading from the 20th chapter of Revelation and fervent prayer for more of God's Holy Spirit. "I'm but a stranger here" was sung. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. There was no business ready for report, but the Elder stated that it was awaiting the finishing strokes and the improvement of Bro. S. J. Mead, who was taken sick last night. Meeting adjourned, and the Elder pronounced the benediction.)

Wednesday, Aug. 24th – 2½ o'clock.

devotions

Meeting assembled over at the chapel building, and devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Gordon. (The minutes of last meeting read and approved.) Presiding Elders Report. The Elder then read his annual report, See Report. (which is as follows:-

Presiding Elder's Report.

Dearly Beloved:-

Parting with our dear brother W. H. Mead and his wife at the close of our District Conference one year ago, I was constrained to quote to them 2 Cor. 9,8:- "God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound unto every good work". It is a happy privilege, in the providence of God, to be enabled now to recount in what plenteousness our Father in heaven has manifested his ability "to make all grace abound toward us" during the last twelve months and to record the fact of our having had "sufficiency" "to abound" in many things, if indeed we may not say "all sufficiency in all things". The book of Job seems to reveal that in the midst of the smoke of the battle, Job could not always get his bearings to tell just how everything was going with him, but the refreshing testimony of the Lord at the end, "In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly", clears up the case. So, with the testimony in my heart, which I believe is the testimony of the Lord by his Spirit, I make bold to declare that your labors, patience, fidelity, devotion and acquiescence in the will of God, especially with some of you who have been called to chastisement, indicate your having obtained "all sufficiency in all things". Bro. W. H. Mead within the six months following the close of our last Conference, proved this "all sufficiency" in passing through "the valley of the shadow of death", and his testimony was: "This is life; what people call death is life". God "wiped away all tears from his eyes" in a very literal manner, and although he was leaving his dearly loved companion and four children with no missionary within 37 miles of them and no one to make his coffin but his oldest son a lad of 14 years, yet he found "all sufficiency" of grace to so triumph over everything, that "the chamber where this good man met his fate" was, as it were the "gate of heaven". The testimony of our dear Sister Minnie that "as she read the burial service over his grave and lifted up her hands to heaven, God comforted their hearts" was also a testimony of "all sufficiency" of grace. On July 8th last, our dear bro. Dodson reached the ~~summit~~ climax of a year of sharp and "divers trials" in the death of his beloved companion Jeanne Peck by ~~yellow~~ hematuric fever; but all sufficiency of grace enables him still to say:-

"Ascribe ye greatness unto our God
"The Rock, his work is perfect:
"For all his ways are judgment:
"A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,
"Just and right is he."

Our Gracious Father has very gently and tenderly retired his laborers from this

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vineyard. During the 7½ years that have elapsed since we left America, in no single year have we had more than three deaths, and this for two years only. During the other years save one, two have been removed each year, and so it is for the past year. In 1890, only one died.x W. H. Mead was one of the original company who reached Angola Mch. 18. 1885. His life in Africa was full of labor and devotion. He ripened rapidly during the last two years of his life, and was a pattern of humility and self abnegation. He prayed for and preached the Gospel to the heathen around him, up to his last hour on earth. Our widowed Sister Minnie Mead has been so blessed and supported in this dispensation of trial, that we marvel at what God hath wrought. Jeanne Peck Dodson spent about fifteen months in Africa. She was blessed with excellent intellectual endowments for her opening work as a teacher, had many physical disabilities to contend with, in which she was marvellously helped: passed through much heart trial in the struggle for full conformity to the whole will of God; but we endorse the inscription upon her tomb as truthful:—

"But thine is still a blessed sleep,
"From which none ever wakes to weep."

Owing to the character and amount of labor devolving upon us, being now "few in number yea very few," all of us have been taxed to the utmost of our strength, but have we not proved that all sufficiency of grace is the key to joyfulness in trial? Who can count it all joy to fall into such divers trials with less than all sufficiency. We are building two churches at once, a material, and a spiritual. In building the former, we have no lumber yards, saw mills and hardware factories, with rail-roads and first class artisans at hand; but with axe and saw, we begin in the woods by the slow process of hand labor, with the privilege of building our own roads. In building the latter, we also begin in the midst of ignorance, superstition, immorality and untruthfulness and oppression and darkness "that might be felt", with no bible, catechism, hymn-book or discipline in the language of the country with plenty of Sanballats who are grieved that any one has come to seek the welfare of Israel. What is equal to such a commission as this committed to us but all sufficiency in all things? I bless God, dearly beloved for your cheerful letters during the year, bearing to me in the midst of all, such fervent love and gladnes to count not your lives dear unto you, and for the faithfulness everywhere exhibited in your work. I expected to be among all the stations during the year, and was pursuing that plan until the death of Brother Mead made it necessary for me to take up the detailed work of one station again. Hence with my family, we have occupied Dondo station since January, where a new church has been organized. The Spirit of the Lord has been graciously poured out upon this native church, and nine received baptism on the last Sabbath of the year. João Gracia Fernandes has transferd his school to the Mission house and has shown ability as a teacher and humility, sincerity and fidelity as a disciple of the Lord and bears glad testimony to the new birth. He bears testimony that since 1865, his soul has been seeking to know the way of salvation, and he rejoices much that the messengers of God came to show him the way of salvation. The school and church in Malange have been steadily advancing in spirituality and numbers. Sister Minnie Mead and children have been helpers there since January. Sister Susan Collins has opened a training School at Canandua in Pungo Andongo with a nucleus of two bright boys who are showing much progress. She has diligently sought for additions, but as yet, the Lord holds her to a small number, which will in his time and way no doubt be increased. I am much delighted that our Sister has such adaptability to this patient work. (Brother and Sister Shields have redeemed from slavery an interesting girl from the Lunda Country (several hundred miles inland) who must have been born about the time we entered Angola. The Bishop's labor to send in a missionary seemed providentially interrupted, so the Lord sent this child

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out in due time. She exhibits much thoughtfulness and adaptability to housework, no traces of laziness, but with a readiness to study having a retentive memory. They have named her "Amanda Smith", while Sister Collins takes the ancient line, and names her boys Isaac and Jacob. In Malange we have Moses, and Joseph and John and Paul, so the churches of the old and new testament are represented among us in name. May these also represent permanently "holiness unto the Lord"). The training-school at Quiongua was interrupted by the interference of relatives and by death, and will D.V., be resumed when the present stage of building operations has passed. I have not been able to reach Loanda this year, but Bro. Burling writes me encouragingly of increase. We are now awaiting his report in detail. We can extend our lines of labor immensely and have been ~~hanging on~~ praying the Lord for laborers for this white harvest. Our change in trade in our stores mentioned a year ago, has been blessed of the Lord. Our volume of business has not been diminished and we are brought nearer the common people by the change. The financial table will show gain in nearly all the stations, but in view of repairs and building of sub-stations, the Trust Fund can receive no additions from this source. It has been increased however from abroad by 2150 milreis as the Report will show. For the proper handling of the trade we *might* do, this fund would need to be five times as large. The "girl-redemption fund" referred to in last years report, remains the same, awaiting opportunities for its use which will, we presume, appear when we have more helpers to care for children. I cannot close without expressing my thankfulness to God for bringing our attention to the works of the Wesleys and Fletchers, which have been so instructive and encouraging and so inflaming to our hearts during the year. Truly, they being dead, yet speak to us. Let us so steadily follow after love, union, purity in all things, self-denial and deadness to human praise as they did, and God will surely raise up a church in Angola to receive the depositum of holiness committed to the people called "Methodists".

Faithfully yours,

Quiongua, Aug. 24. 1892. Amos E. Withey

Barrett Fund + Trust Fund

The Elder then presented the Trust Fund and Benj. Barrett Building Fund reports. which, on motion of Bro. Gordon were approved, (See Reports ~~and are as follows:~~—

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July.	31	To Balance at this date	1416	310					
Aug.	29	" Draft from Bishop Taylor	583	690	July	16	By Mdse in 5 Mission Station		
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June	7	" " on Ross Taylor Treas.	150	000			ed Assets of those Stations	2150	000
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~~1891~~ Dr. Benj. Barrett Building Fund Cr.

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July	16	To Balance	797	782	July	15	By Transfer to Quiongua Station	710	258
		" Transfer from Africa					" Bal at this date	761	439
		Treasurer &c (Ross Taylor	673	915					
			1471	697				1471	697

Publication Committee

The report of the Publication Committee was presented to Conference and approved. (See Report and is as follows:—

The growing necessity for hymns in which to voice the devotions of a developing church, during the past year has given rise to new hymns rather than revision of the old. This kind arrangement of providence has its advantages. 1st. We not only find the number of our hymns enlarged, but, 2nd. find ourselves better fitted by experience to undertake, by the help of the Lord, a more thorough revision, which we hope to make at the close of this Conference. Publication from the press has also been delayed to our advantage, as we still believe it to be our best course to circulate our productions in manuscript. To multiply these manuscript copies, an Edison Mimeograph has been ordered, by use of which, we hope this year to be enabled to circulate among all our stations, copies of the Hymn-book and Catechism in their present state of advancement. We continue humbly to acknowledge "The Spirit's mighty aid" in this blessed work, and lovingly urge all our brethren and sisters to send in promptly all hymns not known as yet to the Committee, that they may all at length take their place in the hymn-book.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

W. P. Dodson,
Chas. W. Gordon,
Herbert C. Withey.

The Committee was continued, and Bro. Robt. Shields added thereto. The Elder then Trust Fund Obligations presented to Conference the propriety of bearing in mind our covenant with the Bishop that the Trust Fund be not diminished: that our course as to outlays be governed accordingly. adjournment Meeting adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Dodson.

(Thursday Aug. 25th 9 o'clock A.M.
Conference met to fulfill the appointment of yesterday in order to adjourn to the afternoon session. The Elder led in prayer. On motion meeting adjourned to meet at 2 1/2 o'clock P.M.)

~~3 o'clock P.M.~~ Thur Aug 25th 3 o'clock P.M.

This devotions session opened by singing the 412th hymn followed by a blessed season of waiting upon God. The Elder then read from Rev. 14th chapter 3rd to 5th verse with which was coupled loving exhortation. Sundry Business The financial Statement was discussed, but report in full not presented as yet for confirmation. Next session of Conference was appointed to meet at Quinque, the day to be fixed by the Elder. General conversation was then had upon matters of spiritual

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interest. On motion of Bro. Shields it was voted that when this meeting adjourn, it adjourn to meet subject to the call of the Elder. Minutes ~~of this meeting~~ were read and approved. Meeting adjourned, and benediction was pronounced by Bro. S. J. Mead.

Friday Sept. 2nd, 2½ o'clock.

Meeting was called by the Elder today, several days having elapsed, during which time part of members present at opening of Conference have returned to their stations by permission of the Elder. This meeting followed the regular services of fast-day. Financial Statement The Tabular Statement of finances was presented, showing an increase in total property of Rs 44$670 above self-support. Above this increase there were donations to the amount of Rs. 1189$950, making the total increase of property Rs 1263$950. On motion, the statement as presented was accepted (See ~~next page~~ Statement). Loanda Report The Elder reported verbally that he had received a letter from Bro. Burling, Loanda, which states "I have been trying to carry out the Bishop's ideas in regard to taking children, and have now the amount that is just about equal to my income, "seven children." Conference Expenses Bro. Gordon then presented the report on Conf. and Pres. Elder's expenses, which was, on motion accepted, and the committee authorized to assess the various stations according to their proportion.

Conference and Presiding Elders expenses.

Whole amt. Conference expenses, 96$483
Presiding Elder's Expenses 3:755
Rs 100$238

Of the Conf. Exp. above, Table Exp., Servants &c Rs. 40:280 - Travelling expenses to and from Conf. by members of 5 stations Rs 56:203
Total Rs 96$483-

Appointments The Elder then presented the appointments as follows:- Malange; S. J. Mead, Ardella K. Mead, Minnie A. Mead, John, Willie, Julia & Taylor Mead - Pungo Andongo Robt & Lizzie Shields - Canandua Training School; Susan Collins - Quiongua. W. P. Dodson - Nhangue-a-Pepo; Herbert C. Withey, Irene F. Withey, Lottie M. and Florence S. Withey - Dondo; Chas. W. Gordon, Wm Schneidermiller - Loanda,

Loanda; Lancaster C. Burling, Carrie B. Burling, Lancaster and Beverly Burling.

Tabulated

Financial Report of Stations for the year ending July 15th. 1892.

1892	Mission Property					Total	Income				Expenditures.		Donations.		
	Buildings and Farms	Mdse and Cash	Live Stock	Machinery and Tools	Furniture		Live Stock	Farm	Mechanical Industries	Store	House Exp	Property Outlays	For Mission Property	For Expense	For Machinery and Tools.
Loanda,	5100.000			388.000	500.000	5988.000			939.000	Schools 120.000	1039.000	250.000			250.000
Dondo.	4510.110			310.000	172.380	4992.490		Rent 230.000		362.790	406.610	186.180			
Nhangue.	1746.580	826.630	875.000	477.500	104.530	4030.240	246.800			308.540	267.560	51.520			
Quiongua.	892.690					892.690				21.190	349.860	630.260	710.250		29.700
Pungo A°.	1842.590	495.090		90.000	187.880	2615.560				609.830	429.910	215.310			
Malange.	3030.000	147.710	200.000	390.000	129.000	3896.710					330.000	280.000	200.000		
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Adjournment

Minutes were read and approved. On motion of Bro. Gordon, it was voted that when we adjourn, we adjourn subject to the call of the Elder. The "parting hymn" no. 537 of the "Wesley's Hymns" was sung. On motion meeting adjourned. The Elder pronounced the apostolic benediction.

Amos Edwin Withey
Presiding.

Quiongua Sept. 2. 1892. 1893 Wm. P. Dodson, Secty.

Angola Missions — Tenth Annual Meeting.

Quiongua Sat. Aug. 5th 1893

Conference convened according to appointment at Benjamin Barrett Mission at 3 o'clock P. M., Presiding Elder Amos E. Withey presiding. Members present. P. E. Amos E. Withey, Irene F. Withey, Samuel J. Mead, Ardella K. Mead, Robert Shields. Lizzie Whiteside Shields, Susan Collins, Catherine M. Dodson, Charles W. Gordon, Wm. Schneidewiller, Herbert C. Withey, Wm. P. Dodson.

Number 771 of Wesley's hymns was sung and the Elder read the last chapter of St. Luke which was followed by prayer. Bro W. P. Dodson was elected Secretary. On motion of Bro. S. J. Mead the following committee on Devotional Exercises was chosen. Herbert C. Withey. Chas. W. Gordon, Catherine M. Dodson, the committee retired to prepare a program for exercises of the Sabbath, — (While they were absent those who remained, joined in prayer for God's blessing on their deliberations. The committee returned and reported the following: — Preaching in English at 5 a.m. by the Presiding Elder. Preaching in Kimbundu at 9:20 by Bro Robert Shields. Sabbath School at 2:30 P. M. conducted by Bro. S. J. Mead and wife. Sacrament at 6:30 P. M.

Conference Program

Daily Conference program of last Conference was read from the minutes and after some deliberation the following program for this Conferen

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was adopted. Rise at 4 A.M. - Devotional Meeting 4½ to 6¼ o'clock, the former part devoted to English, the latter to Kimbundu. Business Session 2½ P.M. - Devotional Meeting 6½ P.M. - The Elder suggested that Monday and Tuesday be used in the prompt settling of Station accou for which reason no regular business session should be held until after that time. On motion, meeting adjourned. Benediction was pronounced by Bro S. J. Mead.

Monday August 7. 2½ o'clock P.M.

Hymn 756 was sung, and the Elder read Ephesians 4th chapter in connection with Wesley's Notes. Minutes of last session were read and approved. Bro C. W. Gordon was appointed committee o Presiding Elder and Conference Expences, and Brethern H. C. Withey, S. J. Mead and Robert Shields committe on statistics. Meeting adjourned and benediction pronounced by Bro Shields.

Tuesday August 8th 2½ o'clock
Wednesday " 9th " "
Thursday " 10th " "
Friday " 11th " " Devotional meetings were held. Meetings adjourned regularly and were dismissed by the benediction

Saturday August 12th 2½ o'clock

At the conclusion of devotional exercises the report of the committe on Devotional Exercises was received and after amendment was accepted as follows. Preaching in English at 5 o'clock A.M. by the Presiding Elder. Preaching in Kimbundu at 9.30 A.M. by Bro Schneidemiller. Sabbath School at 2:30 P.M. conducted by Bro Gordon. Meeting adjourned benediction pronounced by the Elder.

Monday August 14th 2½ o'clock
Tuesday " 15th " "
Wednesday " 16th " "

Thursday August 17th 2½ o'clock

Friday " 18th " " Devotional Exercise meetings were held. Meetings adjourned and were dismissed by the benediction

Saturday August 19th 2½ o'clock P.M.

After the singing of a hymn there followed the reading by course II Timothy 3rd chapter the Elder accompanying the reading with Wesley's Notes on the same as has been the practice throughout the Conference. After a season of prayer the following report was read The committee on Devotional Exercises believe the Lord would be pleased to have tomorrows exercises conducted as follows:- Preaching in English at 5 o'clock A.M. by the Presiding Elder followed by Communion Service. Preaching in Kimbundu at 9:30. A.M. by Bro H. C. Withey. Sabbath School at 2:30. P.M. Conducted by Bro W. P. Dodson Regular Prayer Meeting at 6:30 P.M. There being no objection to the report it was received. Meeting then adjourned, and benediction was pronounced by Bro S. J. Mead.

Monday August 21st 2½ o'clock:

Devotional Meeting as usual, closed with the benediction

Tuesday August 22nd

Hymn 514 was sung, followed by the reading of the Epistle to Philemon with Wesley's Notes and prayer. The Elder then presented and read his Annual Report as follows:-

Presiding Elders Report

Dearly Beloved

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts", was "the word of the Lord to Zerrubabel" more than two thousand years ago in the midst of a work which he was sent of the Lord to accomplish and in the prosecution of which so many diffisulties arose that even the "angel that "waked" the prophet Zechariah "as a man that is wakened out of his sleep" called a "great mountain". The visit of the angel to the holy seer was during the greatest crisis that the task laid upon Zerrubabel

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had seen, and the object lesson set before him corresponds with the situation. Let us in the fear of the review it. "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that through patience and through comfort of the Scriptures we might have hope."

About eighty years previous, because the inhabitants of Jerusalem, "From the least of them even unto the greatest of them, every one was given to covetousness and from the prophet unto the priest every one dealt falsely" and because after one had "Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, to see, know and seek "a man "that executed judgement" "that sought the truth", he could find none, and because this people had "a revolting and rebellious heart" the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, did unto the beautiful Temple built by King Solomon - (this house which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers) "as" he "did unto Shiloh," "a fire" was "kindled in the gates thereof" and "devoured the palaces of Jerusalem" and "it could not be quenched". He fought against them with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger and in fury, and in great wrath and smote both man and beast" saying, "This whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment: and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years" When that sentence was fulfilled "The Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus, King of Persia" who proclaimed " All the kingdoms of the earth hath the Lord given me: and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem. Whosoever there is of you among his people, his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah and build the house of the Lord, the God of Israel (he is God) And whosoever is left, in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the free-will offering for the house of God." —

42,360 organized under this proclamation, with "Zerrubabel as their governor, and with 7.337 menservants and maidservants" (and having among them 200 singing men and singing women) after receiving 5,400 vessels of gold and silver from the hand of King Cyrus (which had been brought from Jerusalem originally), they came to Jerusalem

Their great caravan of 736 horses, 245 mules, 435 camels, 6,720 asses, represented outwardly a definite and extensive purpose to do a good work. but it was not by this army or by a kingly proclamation merely, that they could endure, persevere and with unswerving fidelity bring their building to completion. After various negotiations with distant tribes involving "meat, drink and oil" to bring cedars from Lebanon" in the second year of their comming. they set forward the work of the house of the Lord" and when the foundation was laid. had a dedication feast of mingled joy and weeping - joy for present progress. Weeping over lost advantages. Then they were bothered with offers of help from those who claimed to be God's people as much they, but Zerubabel answers. "Ye have nothing to do with us. to build an house unto our God. but we ourselves, together, will build unto the Lord God of Israel." A wise declaration of the absolute necessity of internal union and singleness of eye.

Then "the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, and hired counsellors against them. to frustrate their purpose all the days of Cyrus. But their efforts seemed only to result in "weakening" and "troubling" until a new administration coming into power at Babylon. (their good friend Cyrus having died) a bolder attempt is made by those who "eat the salt of the palace" viz. Chancellors and Scribes and a letter is written acknowledging the progress of the work. declaring the walls finished and foundations repaired" but advising that the whole undertaking will work "rebellion" and the outcome be "bad". Not however until "Smerdis the Usurper" came to the throne did they seemingly succeed in preventing the work of the Lord. at which time obtaining a decree. they came "in haste and made them cease by force and power." Now truly Zerrubabel and his helpers were in sore trial, and needed to take heed to themselves and "watch unto prayer," to find the right way to proceed. But unhappily they missed it and did not have the courage of Paul. to resume operations, after a little in the name of the Lord when the storm had subsided. but turned away from the call of God. to seek "their own things" and their seems to have whisperings that they would never accomplish anything of note. "A day of small things" said some, and a general excuse prevailed viz. "The time has not come for the house of the Lord to

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be built." Under this policy after two years we find the Lord much displeased with them, and sending Haggai to say, "Consider your ways" and his answer concerning the drought. and consequent failure of crops, which he had visited them with, to bring them to their senses was: "Because of mine house which lieth waste while ye run every man to his own house". His advise and promise to them reads thus. "Go ye up to the hill country and bring wood, and build the house: and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord".

"Then Zerrubabel, and Joshua the high priest with all the remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him: and the people did fear before the Lord". And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel and the spirit of "Joshua and the spirit of all the remnant of the people: and they came and did work in the house of the Lord of Hosts, their God." and five years later finished and kept the dedication of this house of God with joy."

Blessed be God, for these ancient histories of the method by which the Material Kingdom of the Lord was builded up! Glory be to the Holy Ghost from whom flowed the energy, wisdom, endurance, and grace, which enabled them after a struggle of twenty years, to present a finished building for dedication. Let us notice how His gracious office fulfilled their present needs. It is easy to presume that although they obtained power and courage to resume their labours, simply because the Spirit of the Lord had "stirred up" their spirits, that their adversary the devil, would be thrusting fiery darts of insinuation, urging that it was disloyalty to resume the work, while the decree of King Smerdis ordering it to cease was in force against them; but the word of the Lord came the second time unto Haggai, saying, Speak to Zerubbabel Governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth, and I will overthrow the throne of the kingdoms and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations &c. In that day saith the Lord of Hosts, will I take thee, O. Zerubbabel, my servant, saith the Lord, and will make thee as a signet for I have chosen thee, saith the Lord of Hosts." What is a signet? "The seal used by sovereigns in sealing letters and grants" which in this case appears to mean, that this example of Zerubbabel is God's seal for all time, upon his letters as our Great Sovereign calling men and sending them to build up his material and Spiritual kingdoms in the earth, Did he tremble and feel weak? "Yet now be strong O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord". Did they fear they might lack means? "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of Hosts." Did their difficulties loom up before them as a mountain? "Who art thou, O great mountain: before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain." Was it hinted, "It will never be finished in the face of such difficulties"! How graciously sounded out the promise "And he shall bring forth the headstone with shoutings of Grace, Grace, unto it" "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house: his hands shall also finish it: and thou shalt know that the Lord of Hosts hath sent me unto you." Did they who saw the glory of the former house and wept that this house was of smaller design until in their eyes it was as nothing? "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of Hosts, and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts Did their famine stricken land reproach them? "From this day (of returning to "obey my voice" and "fear me") will I bless you." Did they lack wisdom how to answer the civil Governer Tatnai who came "at the same time" of their resuming, asking "Who gave you a decree to build this house and to finish this wall"? and asked their names to certify to the king? How the Holy Ghost "gave them in that hour what to speak"! "We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth &c &c"; confessing in all simplicity the sins of their fathers, their bondage in Babylon and warily asking that search might be made for the original decree of Cyrus, and what an overwhelming answer did He procure for them from the new king Darius in due time. "Let the work of this house of God alone; let the Governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in its place. Moreover I make a decree what ye shall do to these elders of the Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the kings goods, even of the tribute beyond the river, expences be given with all diligence unto these men, that they be not hindered. And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for burnt offerings to the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the word of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be

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given them day by day without fail." Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let a beam be pulled out from his house, and let him be lifted up and fastened thereon, and let his house be made a dunghill for this; and the God that hath caused his name to dwell there overthrow all kings and peoples that shall put forth their hand to alter the same, to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree: let it be done with all dilligence. Then Tattenai, the Governor beyond the river, Shethar-boznai and their companions, because that Darius the king had sent, did accordingly with all dilligence, and the elders of the Jews builded and prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet, Zechariah the son of Iddo."

Thus, my brethren, did the Lord God by his Spirit work in the Old Testament days, and if we pass on into the New Testament to learn his method concerning the establishing of his Spiritual tabernacle we find it the same and wonderfully emphasized. When our Great Prophet came up out of the Jordan to enter upon his work, "He saw the heavens rent asunder and the Spirit, as a dove, decending upon him. "Straightway the Spirit driveth him forth into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil". Later by the same Spirit or "finger of God" he cast out devils and anointed by him preached the Gospel to the poor &c", "Went about doing good" "Teaching in their synagogues" and "on the last that great day of the feast" cried out for "any man" with "thirst" to receive freely, and committed the further erection of the building to the men he had chosen out of the world and prophesied unto them that in spite of being "cast out of synagogues" "put in prison" "beaten and commanded not to teach in his name" in the face of Chief Priests, Scribes and Pharisees and Rulers asking "by what authority" they were proceeding they must arise and build, but insisted that they should "wait for the promise of the Father, which saith he, Ye have heard of me," "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Ghost is come upon you" was his way of saying "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord" and the result would be "Ye shall be witnesses unto me" "unto the uttermost parts of the earth": and as "believers on him through their word" the commission has extended to us and by the selfsame Spirit (blessed be God!) we are fulfilling it and if we "hear these sayings and do them" we "shall be likened unto a wise man who built his house upon a rock, and the rain decended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house: and it fell not: for it was founded upon the rock", which rock to us is that Living Stone, rejected indeed of men, but with God elect, precious"; "unto whose coming" we ourselves "are built up a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrafices, acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ."

Now Beloved, pausing at the close of a busy year, a year of "rains", "floods" and "winds" that have beat upon us how is it? Have we steadily refused to make "might and power" our confidence and sought faithfully to "walk in the Spirit" "not turning to the right hand nor to the left"? Our commission is Pauline, we are building where none have built. As was said a year ago, we are building upon both the "material" and "spiritual house" fulfilling Old and New Testament plans. How at times we seem to be back with the Hebrews in a strange land, and the Canaanite still in the land" again we meet San-ballat and Tobiah ridiculing our walls. Again the Samaritans offering to build with us, while others declare it "a day of small things" but do we not also know something of "eating" our "meat with gladness and singleness of heart" and being "filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost and being multiplied"?

Some of us have been largely occupied during the year in mechanical labor and have done some of the hardest work of our lives and have felt called to build like "the house upon the rock" a work of permanence (not cheap at first but after years of repairs proving to be really costly) but substantial from the start and of material that may be expected to stand and requiring but few repairs and little care to keep in order. Others have devoted their hardest labor upon the spiritual building and may we hope with the same end in view to build *only* "upon the rock" and by the Spirit, with reference to the storms of persecution that must come upon all who will live godly"? Time will reveal in both kinds of labor how we have built. Our works will surely follow us! O. my brethren have we built with reference to presenting every one perfect in Christ Jesus", "warning night and day with tears" "fitly framing together" unto "edifying in love" unto "a holy holy temple in the Lord? Some have "stayed by the

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stuff" to a considerable extent. a work not to be despised since the just ruling "at the brook Besor" as his share is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his share be that tarrieth by the stuff. they shall share alike". Some have had "to serve tables" and to do some work similar to the Masters. of toasting bread and laying fish on coals for hungry toiling disciples. or as far with washing the disciples feet. All of which has required "good men, full of the Holy Ghost and faith", consenting to be a "hand" or "foot" without envy toward the eye, (begetting the humble prayer

"O that my Lord would count me meet,
To wash his dear disciples feet.")

Those who guage our labors numerically. will find the report of the Committee on Statistics for details.

Our finincial history for the year is manifested in a detailed statement which will be presented as usual. We have no debts and enjoy our cash basis because we believe it is approved of the Lord. We might make a more flourishing appearance had we used our credit which the Lord has given us among men. but we have chosen the slower and safer course according to our good Bishops godly advice in the beginning to "make haste slowly." He has not been able to grant us an episcopal visitation this year but has helped us nevertheless by his faithful example of self-denial, his counsel, prayers &c. We devoutly thank God for the health he is pleased still to grant him. The old mission house in Malange has been rebuilt the former being found in decay and unsafe, and the new one has the addition of a veranda the entire length. Much progress has been achieved upon the new building at the Benjamin Barrett Station, Quiongua. especially in view of the disadvantages, A veranda much needed has been added to the new property in Dondo.

Six new missionaries have arrived this year. but Bro John Gough and wife returned soon to America on account of sickness. Sister Catherine MacKenzie calls forth much esteem being "an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile." She was joined in marriage with Rev. W. P. Dodson in our chapel in Quiongua July 26th on which occation the Lord Jesus was the chief guest and furnished the wine of heavenly joy.

Rev. I. B. Case and wife and Sister Harriet Bacon have remained in Loanda thus far, having had some sickness to suffer for Jesus sake. We hope to greet them soon in active labors. Since our coming together together at this Conference. Rev L. C. Burling and wife and two boys have left for America. They have supplied Loanda Station for three years and wrought hard. There are now twentyone missionaries in Angola, eleven of whom the Lord has chosen to preserve to his church in this land since 1885, they being of the first party who entered this Province. Truly God is good to Israel

The two lilies required by our Beloved for his Paradise garden this last year, were chosen from my own little spot where they were growing thrivingly and giving fragrance all around. He was looking for rare lilies and these had been steadily offered to him for years and his time came to transplant them on the 11th and 12th of December last. We have pleasure in the midst of pain in being afflicted by him who loves us. (Letters from our Bishop say, I weep with you in sympathy and sorrow over your deep bereavement. Dear Lottie and Flossie! Their bodies were frail and their spirits angelic so that they could not stop long in this stormy world, but reaching a convenient altitude of the mount of Holiness they spread their wings and soared away to their home in heaven. I expect that Stella met them in their flight through the midst of the starry heavens, and led them into the palace of the King, amid the congratulations of holy angels who alway behold the face of "our Father which is in heaven". "Heaven seems to me much nearer and more attractive since dear Lottie and Flossie have joined dear Stella in that heavenly home.")

I thank God brethren for the sincerity and simplicity you continue to manifest and the sympathy and fervent love which is among us. "I beseech you to increase more and more"; and as we look forward let us "forget the things which are behind" such as how long we have been in Africa and remember that we "are unprofitable servants, having only done what it was our duty to do"; and "girding up the loins of our minds" let us contend for that being "clothed with power from on high" without which whatever else we have

"Our *blighted* works we know shall fail
And death and hell at last prevail."

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The object lesson to the prophet Zechariah was "two olive trees" standing by a "candlestick all of gold" with its "seven lamps", and seven pipes to each", and two golden spouts that empty the golden oil out of themselves". Here by the number "seven" and "gold" are represented the perfect arrangements that must exist, while the deep-rooted trees filled with oil represented said the angel "the two sons of oil that stand by the Lord of the whole earth." These are the only quality of missionaries that will endure and be faithful up to the end viz: who are "rooted and grounded in love," "full of the Holy Ghost" and watching that all their connections with the Church are holy and perfect, and thus there is such a permanent arrangement that "it giveth light to all that are in the house" May you all have a place among them that "stand by".

Unworthily but sincerely yours
A. E. Withey

The Elder presented the following addenda:

Nov. 22nd 1892 – Our number was augmented by the birth of a son to Rev. Robt. Shields and Sister Lizzie Whiteside Shields who was baptized by me at Pungo Andongo Jany 8th and named Wesley Fletcher Shields. We commend him to the Lord in eager desire and fervent prayer that he may be accounted worthy of the names he bears and be reared according to the discipline of Epworth Rectory as it was under Susanna Wesley.

The reading of the Pres. Elder's Report was followed by prayer of acknowledgment.

The Report of Publication Committee was read as follows:—

Quihongoa Aug. 19. 1893

This year has not marked much apparent progress in the work of the Committee on Publication, except the work of revision which immediately followed the adjournment of last Conference. That however was a thankworthy labor accomplished by the gracious help of the Lord amid much interruption. As expressed in the report of last year, we had hoped by the coming of the Edison Mimeograph to be able to circulate manuscript copies of the hymns &c; but finding the stencil papers used in the process to be insufficient to such a work, we made a trial copy of the Lord's Pray'r & Apostles Creed. We found the process a slow one, and not adapted to the issue

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of any large edition, but well adapted to single hymns or any other new translation to pass around before and order to revision. Extra material for the mimeograph has been ordered and is on its way to us for this purpose We have also ordered new type and other material for our press which is also on the way. Meanwhile we have notice of the coming of a brother Thomas Archer, who is said to be a competent printer, so that now we wait in hope to see what the Lord will do for us in that line. We still continue to acknowledge "the Spirit's mighty aid" and repeat the request made last year which met with very limited response, namely: that all hymns and other translations not yet known to the Committee be sent in that all may be collected into one. Respectfully submitted

W. P. Dodson.
C. W. Gordon,
Herbert C. Withey.
Robert Shields

On motion the report was received and the Committee continued.

The question as to where the next Conference shall be held was brought up, and on motion of Bro Robt. Shields, Quihongoa was again chosen as the place of meeting. Conference adjourned and Bro. S. J. Mead pronounced the benediction.

Wednesday Aug. 23rd – Meeting as usual at 2½ o'clock P.M. Hymn no 624 was sung followed by the reading of Heb. 2nd chapter with notes and prayer. Minutes of meetings to date were read, and there being no objection were approved. The Tabular Statement was presented. complete with the exception of some figures lacking in the Loanda report. On motion, the secretary was authorized to insert these when furnished.

The Trust Fund, Benj. Barrett Building Fund, Muihall Bldg. Fund Genl. Building Fund & Contingent Fund Accounts were presented by the Agent and follow the Financial Report.

The Elder then reported verbally on the Girl Redemption Fund as follows:– After the redemption of three girls, there remains Rs 159$000. He then made statement of balance in the following Funds: Deed & Tax Rs 92$601 Dondo Cemetery Rs 43$000 – Genl. Expense Fund Rs 31$387–

The Elders' Financial Reports were, on motion received. Committee on Statistics and Presiding Elder and Conference Expenses ~~and Statistics~~ then reported, whose reports are subjoined in order. (See Statements)

Tabulated Financial Report of Stations
for the year ending July 15th 1893.

1893	Mission Property					Total	Income				Expenditures			Donations.			Transfers
	Buildings and Farms	Mdse and Cash	Live Stock	Machinery and Tools	Furniture		Live Stock	Farm	Mechanical Industries	Store	Household Exp.	Property Outlays	Transf. from Mach & Store	For ~~Mach.~~ & Tools	For Real Est.	~~Expenses~~	For Furniture
Loanda	5100.00			388.00	500.00												
Dondo	4835.13	4128.82		295.12	405.89					570.94	323.86	568.65	25.00				226.16
Nhangue	1857.99	287.64	859.00	489.25	275.55		41.13			311.08	302.90	341.16	46.98	28.74			178.09
Quilongo	2567.27	351.90	680.00	657.55	338.22		67.66			317.05	457.77	1575.22		537.19	1495.22		L. Stock 200.00 219.56
P. Andongo.	1942.24	1040.70		134.87	357.48			2.40		522.45	422.11	232.65		19.00			114.00
Malange	3224.00	815.55		500.00	425.60				400.00	184.63	653.00	506.10		100.00	[illegible]	68.37	200.60
	19526.63	6624.61	1639.00	2494.79	2302.74		108.79	2.40	400.00	1906.15	2159.64	3223.78	71.98	684.93	1687.22	68.37	
						32487.77											
		Less Amt. due Trust Fund				6935.80											
		Nett Assets in Angola				25551.97					Increase 3136.28						

Dr. "Trust Fund" 1893 Cr.

1892					1893.				
July	16	To Balance at this date	2150	00	July	15	By Balance due from Stations not included in station assets	4941	.00
Oct	26	" Dft. on Rev. Ross Taylor Treas.	400	00					
"	26	" " " John Terry Esq. 80£	400	00					
Nov.	5 5 25	" 3 " " Rev. Ross Taylor	241	00					
"	25	" " " John Terry Esq. 55£	275	00					
1893 June	(to July 15) 30	" 6 " " John Terry Esqr. 295£	1475	00					
			4941	00				4941	00

"Benj Barrett Building Fund."

1892					1893				
July	16	To Balance on hand	761	439	July	15	By Transfer to B.B. Station a/c at Quihaugon	1495	223
Aug		" Transfer fm. Africa Fund Treas a/c	1624	597	"	15	" Bal to New Acct.	890	813
			2386	036				2386	036

"Munhall Building Fund".

1893					1893.				
July	11	To Draft on John Terry Esq. £50	250	00	July	15	By Balance on hand	250	00

"General Building Fund"

1893					1893				
July	5	To Invce J. Terry Esq. Mdse for Hamburg £15-6-7	61	650	July	16	By Mdse in Custom House	507	500
		" " " for Liverpool	445	850					
			507	500				507	500

"Contingent Fund"

1892					1892				
July	16	To Bal. on hand	319	899	Nov.	26	Expenses in Loanda on a/c "Gough Party"		
1893							of new missionaries	47	950
July	15	" Receipts from Exchange					" Loanda to Dondo do.	67	723
		Customs etc.	665	518	1892 Nov	1893 to Apl	" in Dondo & Inland Travel do.	53	591
							" Medicines for General use.	74	54
							" Photographs, Group of Missionaries for African News	20	00
					1893 July	15	" Bull Cunha retired from Assets	30	00
							" In Loanda, Case Party May 27 to date	65	90
					"	15	By Balance on hand	625	708
			985	417				985	417

Native Work in Angola Missions.

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For year ending Aug. 1893.

	Membership.			Baptism		Sabbath Schools			Day Schools			Infant Training.				+
	Probationers.	Full Members	Deaths.	Children	Adults	No. of Schools	Officers & Teachers	Average Attendance	Number	No. of Teachers	Scholars	Native Children Supported	Redeemed from Slavery.	Av. Attendance at Sabbath Preaching	Poor Relieved and Fed.	Other Sick Relieved.
Loanda*								x	+	x						
Dondo	7					1	2	30	1	1	20	1	1	40	10	
Nhangue						1	1	10					5	8	5	10
Quihongoa						1	2	15						20	20	30
P. Andongo.	14	3	1	5		1	3	35	1	1	8	8	4	40	25	
Malange.	23	42	0	13	1	1	3	45	2	2	31	33	0	60	18	20
	44	45	1	18	1	5	11	135	4	4	59	42	5	168	78	60

*: Not Reported. + Includes paying patients.

Herbert C. Withey, Committee on Statistics.

The Committee on Conference and Presiding Elders Expenses reported the following Whole amount of Conf. Expenses Rs 94$285 divided as follows: Travelling Exp. of members of Conference 42$269 – Table Expenses during Conf. Session 52$016.

Presiding Elder's Expenses during Conf. year 44$588 – Total Amt. of Conf. & Presiding Elder's Expenses Rs 138$873. This amt. is divided between the 5 Inland Stations making the total expense of each Station Rs 27$775. Of this amount Dondo has paid 8$720, Nhangue 3$039, Quihongoa 10$805, Pungo 13$005, Malange 6$700 Dondo Station is the clearing house & has credited Quihongoa Stan. with Amt. of Food a/c during C. Session 52$016, P. E. Agent Amt of Travelling Expenses during the year 44$588 and charged to the respective stations the amounts due from each

Respectfully Submitted,

C. W. Gordon.

Discussion

Several subjects were then brought up for mutual conference, among which was Loanda Station as it now is – What to do with it and how. Meeting adjourned

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to meet at 6½ o'clock P.M. Benediction was pronounced by the Elder.

Evening Session 6½ P.M. - Meeting opened by singing hymn 614, followed by prayer. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. After further consideration of the situation concerning appointments and points for the opening of new stations, the manner of getting necessary information concerning advantages of locality & on motion meeting adjourned. The Elder announced the appointments as follows:-

Loanda,	L. C. Burling, wife & family.
Dondo,	C. W. Gordon,
Nhangue,	Wm. ~~Schneider~~ Miller,
Quihongoa,	Wm. P. Dodson & wife and Herbert C. Withey
Pungo.	Robt. Shields & wife and Susan Collins
Malange.	S. J. Mead & wife, Mrs. Minnie Mead & family (of Rev. W. H. Mead)

Conference met at 2½ o'clock p.m.. The 612th hymn was sung followed by the usual reading of Scripture with Notes, and prayer. Minutes of last evening were read. Motion was made that when we adjourn we do so subject to the call of the Pres. Elder. The Doxology was sung

Thus closed the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Angola Missions which has seemed to be one of deep running good. We were led into the reading of St. Paul's Epistles from the old and new versions in connection with Mr. Wesley's Notes, by which those beautiful Scriptures were unfolded to our great comfort and instruction and profit. Peace seemed to pervade all hearts, and an absence of hurry prevailed, all seeking the full will of God. Though reduced in numbers, we increase in unity and love which is above all.

Closing minutes were read and approved. On motion Conference adjourned.

Amos E. Withey
Presiding Elder.

Wm. P. Dodson,
Secty.

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Angola Missions, Eleventh Annual Meeting

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Quihongoa, Aug. 17th 1894. District Conference of Angola Missions

District Conference convened according to appointment at Benj. Barrett Mission, Quihongoa. Friday Aug. 17. 1894. 3 o'clock P.M. At this session of District Conference we had the unusual privilege of the presence of our Beloved Bishop William Taylor who presided: Members present:- Bishop Wm. Taylor, Rev. A. E. Withey, Irene F. Withey, C. W. Gordon, Saml J. Mead, Ardella K. Mead, Robt Shields (not yet arrived) Lizzie Whiteside Shields, Susan Collins, Wm. S. ~~[illegible]~~ Miller, Herbert C. Withey, Catherine M. Dodson, Wm. P. Dodson, Jno. W. Shuett, Mary B. Shuett, Louise Raven, Lavina Ratcliff - Conf. Visitor Dr. Jennie M. Taylor.

Opening Exercises

The Bishop opened Conference by a beautiful exposition of the 1st Chap. of Hebrews which he followed by prayer. He then announced and Conference joined in singing the hymn beginning

And are we yet alive and see each others face,
Glory and praise to Jesus give, for his redeeming grace.

Committees

Bro. W. P. Dodson was chosen Secretary, and the following were constituted Committee on Religious Exercises. Bros. C. W. Gordon & Herbert C. Withey and Sister Irene F. Withey. The Bishop then discoursed upon infantile justification and talked encouragingly upon the prospect of bringing little children early to Jesus to avail themselves of the provision made for them under the Gospel, declaring that if parents would work in unison with God, ninety nine out of every hundred would remain in the fold. He then made a survey of the work as it has been, is, and as we hope it will be, looking toward extension and development. ~~To this~~ end, A committee on Miscellaneous Matters was elected, consisting of Bros. A. E. Withey, Saml. J. Mead & Chas. W. Gordon. On motion of Bro. Withey the Committee on Statistics of last year was continued, namely, Bros. H. C. Withey, Saml J. Mead & Robt Shields. Bro. C. W. Gordon was also continued as Comm. on Conf. & Pres. Elders Expenses. Bro. Withey then proposed the following Program of Conf. Exercises. At 4½ Rise, 5 to 6 Devotional Meeting - 2½ P.M. Business, 6½ Evening Prayer.

The Publication Committee of last year, on motion was continued. On motion meeting adjourned. The Bishop pronounced the benediction.

Saturday Aug. 18th 1894

Conference devotions met at 2½ oclock p.m., and opened in the use of the 865th hymn Wesleyan Collection. Bro. Robt. Shields having arrived from Pungo was present. Bro. John N. Shewetts read and commented upon the 5th chap. of St. Mark. following which, he led in prayer. The Program for the Sabbath Committee on Religious Exercises then brought in the following report for the Sabbath:-

Preaching in English at 5 a.m. by the Bishop.
Preaching in Kimbundu at 9 " " Bishop through an interpreter.
Sabbath School at 2 p.m., conducted by Bro. S. J. Mead & Sister Mead
Communion Service at 6.30 P.M.

Conference then proceeded to passing upon the character of its members. First being the Presiding Elder, there being no objection to him, the character of Bro. Withey was passed. The Bishop then requested that if the Elder had any remarks to make he was at liberty to make them. The Elder then stated that he had sat down to make a report, and had been led into reflections extending over a period considerably longer than the past year, and would either submit what he had written just as it is, or condense it into what is more strictly a report. The Bishop encouraged him to read it, remarking there was plenty of time for all the Conference. Bro. Withey then read the following paper.

Presiding Elder's Report.

Dearly Beloved. — Let us "sing unto the Lord a new song" of praise and thanksgiving.

"The Lord reigneth; he is apparelled with majesty. "He hath girded himself with strength. "Thy throne is established of old "Thou art from everlasting "The Lord hath been my high tower "The Lord is a great God "And a great King above all gods. "We are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand "Sing unto the Lord, all the earth. "Sing unto the Lord; bless his name; "Declare his glory among the nations "His marvellous works among all the peoples "Honour and majesty are before him; "Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; "Tremble before him, all the earth" "I will sing of the *mercies* of the Lord forever;" With my mouth will I make known thy *faithfulness* to all generations.

"Surely God is good to Israel, even to such as are pure in heart." All the paths of the Lord are *loving kindness* and truth, unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies." The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof! The world and they that dwell therein.

Blessed be God that we are to "Rejoice evermore!" "Ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the Lord thy God hath blessed thee." Deut. 12–7.

"Thou shalt *rejoice in all the good* which the Lord, thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thy house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is in the midst of thee. ——— Even in extreme desolation, viz: "Though the fig tree shall not blossom, "Neither shall fruit be in the vines "The labor of the olive shall fail, "And the fields shall yield no meat "And the flock shall be cut off from the fold, "And there shall be no herd in the stalls" Yet will I *rejoice* in the Lord, "I will joy in the God of my salvation.

But to record the dealings of the Lord with this land during the past year, we may adopt the language of the Psalmist — viz: "Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it, "Thou greatly enrichest it "The river of God is full of water "Thou providest them corn, for so preparest thou the earth. "Thou waterest her furrows abundantly; "Thou settlest the ridges thereof; "Thou makest it soft with showers; "Thou blessest the springing thereof, "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness "And thy paths drop fatness "The hills are girded with joy. "The pastures are clothed with flocks; "The valleys also are covered over with corn; "They shout for joy, they also sing "O Lord Our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!" "He is loving to every man, and his loving kindness is over all his works."

His loving kindness? Yes. It is the gentle, compassionate, pitiful kindness that flows from "*fervent love*" which is "*Above all things*".

"God is Love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God.

"Love, the divinest of the train
The sovereign of the rest"

Is it not proper then in reviewing, to consider first, this — the best — the unfailing — everlasting — "above all things" — "Fervent Love"? Does *it* abound more and more among us? If so, we have had a prosperous year, be other things as they may be. If not, whatever else may be pointed out as a success and prosperity — we have built "wood, hay and stubble" "and the fire shall try it, of what sort it is." "The day shall declare it" — "It shall be revealed by fire." "Every man's work," but Blessed be God! "We give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, having heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have toward all the saints, because of the hope which is laid up for you in the heavens, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, which is come unto you: even as it is also in all the world bearing fruit and increasing, as it doth in you also, since the day ye heard and knew the grace of God in truth." Yet it is apparent that you desire to reach that *fervency* of love, which still remains to be grasped, comprehending being "Strengthened with *all* power, according to the *might* of his *glory*, unto *all* patience and long-suffering with joy." — "To the end that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fullness of God."

I pray we may be fully quickened and stirred with vehement desire for the overturning of "all that hinders the course of his (fervent) love" to such an extent that it may be the all absorbing thought during this Conference, and that we may provoke each other thereto by watching *against* levity, distraction, dispute about words, philosophy and vain deceit, softness and needless self-in-

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dulgence, the desire of the eye and the pride of life, and watching unto "all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, with thanksgiving." Let us praise Him, pour out our hearts before Him, and "Take the water of life freely.")

We welcome to our midst and to our Conference this year our Bishop Taylor, whose counsel has so often helped us, and whose kindly heart takes us all in as his children under God. May his strength be renewed and his soul refreshed with heavenly anointings of love. We welcome also as a providential and timely visitor his beloved niece Jennie Taylor, M. D. who brings our bodies relief by her skilful dental operations, may her soul rejoice in the relief from every burden brought to our needy world by Our All-sufficient Redeemer.

We are not required to report this year any deaths among our missionary corps (except an infant daughter born to Robert and Lizzie Shields April 5th 1894, who passed away April 7th 1894,) for which we humbly thank the Father of mercies. Four have left the field after three years service, and three others who arrived here about a year ago. Four new missionaries arrived July 21st, viz: J. W. Shuett and wife, Miss Louise Raven and Miss Lavina Ratcliff whom we welcome to our fellowship in the Lord to become labourers in this needy field. A daughter born to Brother and Sister Dodson in April makes our total representation of white missionaries to be 23. Of 94 who have entered Angola, 18 lie in African graves awaiting the resurrection, and 52 have returned to other lands during the 9 1/2 years of our missionary history.

(The material upbuilding of the Kingdom of God in this Province has occupied our hands another year to a large extent, yet we have listened attentively to catch all indications of opening for the advancement of the spiritual Kingdom of our Lord. (It seems a fitting time to examine the whole subject of the Divine method of saving men from sin and I humbly ask your indulgence to present a few reflections that may be from the Lord for our comfort, union of aim and labor. May we be blessed unto that "long patience" which the husbandman hath who "waiteth for the precious fruit".

God "willeth all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." "His own gracious purpose was fixed for our advantage, before the world began". Yet the world had stood four thousand years, (during which time various revelations of his truth and will were being slowly wrought out) before "the fulness of the time came" to "send forth his Son, born of a woman," that he might redeem." He "knew no sin" yet though "He were a Son yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered" and was "made perfect (as a Saviour) through suffering." "And Jesus" increased in wisdom, and in stature, and in favour with God and man."

He came to "His own." A chosen, instructed nation, that had "been in training for more than nineteen centuries and through whom he had revealed his truth and arranged it in a book which they jealously guarded, studied, meditated in day and night that they might observe to do according to all that was written therein." But so far were they from understanding the spirit of that book of love and truth, that they first "received him not," then "despised and rejected" him and finally crucified him. He chose twelve special Apostles, taught them three years with all diligence, but so far were they, even, from understanding him, that when he illustrated a fact by "leaven" they felt he was chiding them for lack of forethought in not providing bread for their journey. They knew not "what spirit they were of," did not apprehend his teaching concerning his resurrection, and at the very last, just before his ascension were inquiring about a worldly kingdom. But there came a great change, a great harvest of souls, when the Holy Ghost descended upon the seed sowing of Our Blessed Lord who had been

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"about in all Gallilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom". This great reformation or revival is the great model for all time and it becomes us to study it as such and its representative men, but for this occasion let us look at one who "labored more abundantly than they all" and comes a little nearer to us, being the Great Apostle to the Gentiles, a self-supporting missionary who could say: "Hard wrought these hands". Did Paul come *readily* to the knowledge of salvation by faith? By no means. He could say—"I thank God, whom I *serve* from my forefathers in a pure conscience". "After the straightest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee". Yet notwithstanding, he "was a blasphemer, and a persecutor and injurious; howbeit I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief". So this acute thinker and disputant, "brought up at the feet of Gamaliel and carefully instructed, learned only slowly", the simplicity there is in Christ" and the subtle "devices of satan". But blessed be God, he was not a slow runner when once he had fully entered upon the race. In his "Swan song" to Timothy he could declare; "I have fought *the* good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith". Now, the personal history of this great representative Apostle—Evangelist—Pastor—Missionary—Preacher and Teacher teaches us what one must be personally who hopes and expects to be entrusted with flocks by that "Great Shepherd of the sheep". Let us examine it. 1. His *conviction* *of* *sin* is: We ourselves were sometimes *foolish*, *disobedient*, *deceived*, *serving* *divers* *lusts* and *pleasures*, living in *malice* and *envy*, *hateful*, and *hating* *one another*. 2. His *awakening* and *struggle* *for* *deliverance* ends with: "Oh! wretched man that I am". 3. He obtains deliverance "not by works of righteousness" but "through Jesus Christ" solely, whom he clearly apprehends and forever after adores—loves and serves with all his might. He "suffers the loss of all things for *him*", and aimed only at being "found *in* him". 4. He is a clear witness to "the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost which was shed on him abundantly", and is a flaming exponent of "Perfect Love" in all his writings, the full drawn picture being in 1 Cor. 13-chap. 5. He is tenacious of sound doctrine, urging to hold it fast. 6. His doctrine is— men are "*dead* in trespasses and sins", being "by *nature* children of wrath"— under the power of "the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience". He sees the heathen "all gone out of the way," "together become unprofitable." "Their throat an open sepulchre"— "tongues of deceit"— "Asp poison under their lips"— "Mouth full of cursing and bitterness." "Destruction and misery in their ways," and "no fear of God before their eyes". He sees the Jew though "resting in the law" and making "his boast of God" in *no wise* better. The proud Roman nation "professing themselves to be wise"— given up to vile affections", a "reprobate mind", filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness: full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity— haters of God— implacable— unmerciful and having pleasure with those committing things worthy of death." He preaches "a full salvation and full damnation". Feeling the terrors of the Lord he persuades men "Night and day" he warns, rebukes and exhorts with tears. He proves there is much more abounding grace in Christ than curse from Adam and with unction of the Holy Ghost brings a "Saviour "to the uttermost" to their hearts" in power and in much assurance."

7. Of *his labors* one says— "See the picture of a *faithful servant*. Serving the Lord, whose the Church is, with all humility and with tears and trials— preaching publicly— teaching from house to house; else he had not been pure from their blood, for even an apostle

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could not discharge his duty by public preaching only. How much less an ordinary pastor. Flaming with desire he regards every converted soul with a longing "to present every one perfect in Christ Jesus"—"I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy - I have espoused you as a chaste virgin to Christ". He looks forward to a continuation of the same care - "Commit the ministry to faithful men, able to teach others also". Entreats, charges and exhorts Timothy and Titus and the Elders of Ephesus to "Take heed to themselves and to the flock"—"*Keep* thyself *pure*". He points out continually what to "shun" and "avoid" and to "withdraw from" and what to "follow after" and never used "flattering words".

8. He manifests *holy tempers* — "I was *gentle* among you even as a nurse cherisheth her own children"—"God is my witness how justly, holily and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe". "Joyful in all his tribulations"—"Beseeching by the meekness and gentleness of Christ".

9. What are the results of this faithful labor? No doubt he will shine as the stars forever and ever, "having turned many to righteousness", but alas, "how many evidences appear of the fulfillment of the parable of seed by the wayside - among thorns - in stony ground — while the few comparatively fall on good ground". The mystery of iniquity (the energy of satan) doth already work." "I marvel that ye are so soon removed unto another gospel". There are contentions among you"-"Ye are yet carnal and walk as men"-"For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers". If we turn aside to the picture drawn by our Blessed Lord himself in Revelation we find only two churches of seven fully commended - yet, "The Very God of Peace" is "ready to sanctify wholly" every man and "preserve body, soul and spirit blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ".

After three hundred years we *find that* "genuine Christianity received the greatest wound it ever received, the grand blow which was struck at the very root of that humble, gentle, patient love, which is the *fulfilling* of the Christian law, by Constantin the Great, when he called himself a Christian, and poured in a flood of riches, honors and power upon the Christians; more especially upon the clergy. Then not the golden, but the iron age of the church commenced — then one might truly say:

"At once in that unhappy age, broke in
All wickedness, and every deadly sin:
Truth, modesty and love fled far away,
And force, and thirst of gold, claimed universal sway."

Then did the enemy come in as a flood for twelve centuries until the Spirit of the Lord raised up a standard against him in Martin Luther, but we do not find another Pentecostal revival of pure and undefiled religion until the Lord "caused as it were a grain of mustard seed to be sown near London" and it grew and put forth great branches, "reaching from sea to sea." Two or three poor people met together, in order to help each other to be real Christians. They increased to hundreds, to thousands, to myriads, still pursuing their one point, real religion, the love of God and man ruling all their tempers, and words, and actions.

Now as this is very intimately connected with us let us study comparatively this great work of God and the history of its principal representative — "that great tree" John Wesley, that we may weigh our past labors in these scales and obtain bearings for future labor and encouragement by the Holy Ghost our Teacher.

Paul was brought up at the feet of a great man: Gamaliel. John Wesley at the feet of that great woman — Susannah Wesley. What a Mother — Teacher — Writer and Counsellor! And yet her simple testimony at seventy years of age reveals how long one may be in discerning one of the simplest fundamental truths. Her son records — "I talked largely with my mother, who told me, that till a short time since, she had scarce heard such a thing mentioned, as the having forgiveness of sins now, or God's Spirit bearing witness with our spirit; much less did she imagine that this

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was the common privilege of all true believers. "Therefore", she said, I never durst ask it for myself. But two or three weeks ago while my son Hall was pronouncing those words, in delivering the cup to me: "The blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee", the words struck through my heart, and I knew God for Christ's sake had forgiven *me*, all *my* sins." This reminds of the experience of the beloved Henry Reed, who went from country to country seeking rest for his soul and after years of vain struggling, in a humble class-meeting, while one was relating a simple experience, it pleased the Lord to open his understanding to the simplicity of trusting in Christ solely for present deliverance from sin, and he believed unto eternal life.

Mr. Wesley says—"There are still many circumstances in God's dispensations, which are above our comprehension. We do not know why he suffered us so long to go on in our own ways before we were convinced of sin. Or why he made use of this or the other instrument, and in this or the other manner and a thousand circumstances attended the process of our conviction, which we do not comprehend. We know not why he suffered us to stay so long, before he revealed his Son in our hearts; or why this change from darkness to light was accompanied with such and *such* particular circumstances." But to return to his own experience. He says: "I believe, till I was about ten years old I had not sinned away that "washing of the Holy Ghost" which was given me in baptism, having been strictly educated and carefully taught, that I could only be saved by universal obedience, by keeping all the commandments of God, in the meaning of which I was diligently instructed. And those instructions, so far as they respected outward duties and sins I gladly received, and often thought of. But all that was said to me of inward obedience, or holiness, I neither understood nor remembered." From 10 years of age to 22 = 12 years. Outward restraints being removed (being away at school) I was much more negligent than before even of outward duties, and almost continually guilty of outward sins. I still said my prayers and read with the scriptures several other books of religion, especially comments on the New Testament. Yet I had not all this while so much as a notion of inward holiness, nay, went on habitually and for the most part very contentedly, in some or other known sin. I cannot well tell what I hoped to be saved by now, when I was continually sinning against that little light I had: unless by those transient fits of what many divines taught me to call repentance". When I was about 22 I began to see that true religion was seated in the heart, and that God's Law extended to all our thoughts, as well as words and actions". Here began his 7th of Romans struggle "under the Law" which continued for about 13 years, which is marked by this difference as compared with the 12 years just referred to, viz: "Before, I had willingly served sin; now it was unwillingly, but still I served it. I fell, and rose, and fell again. Sometimes I was overcome, and in heaviness: sometimes I overcame and was in joy. During this whole struggle between nature and grace I had remarkable returns to prayer, especially when I was in trouble. I had many sensible comforts, which are indeed no other than short anticipations of the life of faith. But I was still 'under the Law' not 'under grace' (the state most who are called Christians are content to live and die in) for I was only striving with, not freed from, sin; neither had I the witness of the Spirit with my spirit, and indeed could not: for I 'sought it not by faith, but, as it were, by the works of the Law'".

In his voyage from Georgia (being now 35 years of age) he gains one point — "I was strongly convinced that the gaining a true, living faith, was the 'one thing needful' for me. But still I fixed not this faith on its right object — I meant only

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faith in God, not faith in or through Christ. Again, I knew not that I was *wholly* *void* of this faith, but only thought I had not enough of it.

Now he providentially meets Peter Böhler who "Affirmed of true faith in Christ that it had those two fruits inseparably attending it: Dominion over sin, and constant peace, from a sense of forgiveness." "I was quite amazed" says Wesley "and looked upon it as a new gospel. If this was so, it was clear I had not faith. But I was not willing to be convinced of this. Therefore I disputed with all my might, and laboured to prove that faith might be where these were not, especially where the sense of forgiveness was not; for all the Scriptures relating to this I had been *long since taught* to construe away. Besides, I well saw, no one could, in the nature of things, have such a sense of forgiveness and not *feel* it. But I felt it not. If then there was no faith without this, *all* my *pretensions* to faith dropped at once."

"But when I set aside the glosses of men and simply considered the words of God – I found they all made against me, and I was forced to retreat to my last hold, "That experience would never agree with the *literal interpretation* of those Scriptures." Then Böhler presented three witnesses in person, "All of whom testified of their own personal experience, that a true living faith in Christ is inseparable from a sense of pardon for all past, and freedom from all present sins. They added with one mouth, that this faith was the gift, the free gift of God, and that He would surely bestow it upon every soul who earnestly and perseveringly sought it. I was now thoroughly convinced, and by the grace of God I resolved to seek it unto the end! By absolutely renouncing all dependence, in whole or in part, upon *my own* works or righteousness, on which I had really grounded my hope of salvation, though I

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knew it from my youth up. 2. By adding to the constant use of all the other means of grace, continual prayer for this very thing, justifying saving faith, a full reliance on the blood of Christ shed for *me*; a trust in him as *my* Christ, as *my* sole justification, sanctification and redemption." I continued thus to seek it, (though with strange indifference, dullness and coldness, and unusually frequent relapses into sin) till Wed. May 24." the day his heart was "strangely warmed". I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me, that he had taken away *my* sins, even *mine*, and saved *me* from the law of sin and death.

Of the time of his experiencing Entire Sanctification we have not so clear a date but of the experience itself we have the full details in many of his writings. One relation is as follows, viz: "When, after having been fully convinced of inbred sin, by a far deeper and clearer conviction than that which he experienced before justification, and after having experienced a gradual mortification of it, he experiences a total death to sin, and an entire renewal in the love and image of God, so as to rejoice evermore, to pray without ceasing and in everything to give thanks. Not that to feel all love and no sin" is a sufficient proof, several have experienced this for a time, before their souls were fully renewed. None, therefore, ought to believe that the work is done till there is added the testimony of the Spirit, witnessing his entire sanctification as clearly as his justification.

2. Of his *Doctrine* and *manner of Life* we are well informed. In connection with doctrine it is well to remember that he "was a man of one book". He says — "I want to know one thing, the way to heaven — God hath written it down in a book — at any price, give me the book of God. I have it, here is knowledge enough for me. Here then I am, far from the busy ways of men. I sit down alone: only God is

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First Leader,s Meeting

St Paul De Loanda. W. C. Africa. April 26th 1885

At the Classmeeting held in our hired house on the above date it was resolved that a leader,s meeting be held composed of the following Members of the Expedition (see Members Present) to enquire who are desirous of receiving Local preachers License, and to recommend such as are suitable to the District Conference. The Leaders Meeting was held at the close of the Classmeeting.

Bishop Wm Taylor Presiding. Members present Rev A. E. Withey, Irene Withey. Rev C Davenport Mary. M. Davenport. Rev Jos Wilks. E. M. Wilks. S. J. Mead, Ardella Mead, W. H. Mead, Minnie Mead W. P. Dodson, C. M. McLane, C. A. Ratcliff.

The following Brethren were recommended to the District Conference as Candidates for Local Preachers license viz

Charles M. Mc Lane, Charles. W. Gordon
William P. Dodson Charles A. Ratcliff
William H Mead Samuel J. Mead

Wm Taylor Presiding Bp.

Meeting adjourned

Joseph Wilks
Secretary

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here. In his presence I open, I read this book; for this end, to find the way to heaven. I lift up my heart to the Father of lights— Lord, is it not thy word "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God"? Thou hast said "If any be willing to do thy will, he shall know." I am willing to do: let me know thy will. I then search after, and consider parallel passages of Scripture "comparing spiritual things with spiritual." I meditate thereon with all the attention and earnestness of which my mind is capable. If any doubt still remains, I consult those who are experienced in the things of God: and then the writings whereby, being dead, they yet speak. And what I thus learn that I teach. His "Sermons and his Notes on the New Testament were constituted the perpetual standard of Methodist Theology". Sermon No 1 - declares— "All the blessings which God hath bestowed upon man, are of his mere grace, bounty or favour. If then sinful men find favour with God, it is "grace upon grace". If God vouchsafe still to pour fresh blessings upon us, yea, the greatest of all blessings, Salvation: what can we say to these things, but, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift". And thus it is.

After a struggle of years to apprehend the way of Faith - it is easy to suppose he would cleave tenaciously thereto and be a clear expositor of that truth, and so he was. From his deep Spirit wrought conviction of "the exceeding sinfulness of sin" came his equally deep sense of the two acts of Repentance viz: The Repentance of sinners and the Repentance of Believers. A penitent he describes thus: He has a deep sense of the loathsome leprosy of sin, which he brought with him from his mothers womb, which overspreads his whole soul and totally corrupts every power and faculty thereof. He sees more and more of the evil tempers which spring from that evil root: the pride and haughtiness of spirit - the vanity, the thirst after the esteem or honor that cometh from men — the hatred or envy, the jealousy or revenge, the anger, malice or bitterness: the inbred enmity both against God and man, which appears in ten thousand shapes; the love of the world, the self-will, the foolish and hurtful desires which cleave to his inmost soul. He is conscious how deeply he has offended by his tongue. His evil works are now likewise ever in his sight: if he tells them, they are more than he is able to express. He may as well think to number the drops of rain, the sands of the sea, or the days of eternity. His guilt is now also before his face. He knows the punishment he has deserved, were it only on account of his carnal mind, the *entire universal* corruption of his nature; how much more on account of all his evil desires and thoughts — all his sinful words and actions. He cannot doubt for a moment, but the least of these deserves the damnation of hell — Sinner awake! Know and feel that thou wert "shapen in wickedness" and that "in sin did thy mother conceive thee" and that thou thyself hast been heaping sin upon sin ever since thou couldest discern good from evil. Cast off, renounce, abhor, all imagination of ever being able to help thyself. Be it all thy hope to be washed in his blood, and renewed by his almighty Spirit.

"The Repentance of Believers" he says "Is a kind of selfknowledge — a conviction of the sin which remains in our heart. It does not *reign* but it does *remain*. — Again - How many sins of omission are they chargeable with and besides do they not find in themselves inward defects without number? They still *deserve*, strictly speaking, only the damnation of hell. But what they deserve does not come upon them because they have "an advocate with the Father". A conviction of their utter helplessness is yet another branch of this repentance.

He asks: "Does being sanctified - being a perfect Christian imply that *all* inward sin is taken away", and answers "Undoubtedly, or how can we be said to be "saved from all our uncleannesses"?

In his "*manner of life*" he was indeed a "pattern to all believers": Temperate in all things — food — raiment — rising and retiring at a fixed hour. Diligent in redeeming every scrap of time. Punctual-faithful - traveling thousands of miles per year through rain, sleet, wind and heat. Frank - open-hearted. He says: "To candid reasonable men I am not afraid to lay open what have been the inmost thoughts of my heart." A Peacemaker everywhere. Gentle but lion like. Plain in dealing with his societies, as for instance at Norwich he declares - "I met the society at seven: and told them in plain terms, that they were the most ignorant, self-conceited, self-willed, fickle, untractable, disorderly, disjointed society that I know in the three Kingdoms. And God applied it to their hearts; so that many were profited: but I do not find that one was offended." His motto was - "Tenacity for order and exact discipline." His heart glowed with fervent love continually and was indeed separated unto the Gospel. His note on 1 Tim. 4 - 15 is a sample. True meditation is no other than faith, hope, love, joy melted down together, as it were, by the fire of God's Holy Spirit: and offered up to God in secret. He that is wholly in these, will be little in worldly company, in other studies, in collecting books, medals or butterflies: wherein many pastors drone away so considerable a part of their lives.

In his labours he recognised "the times and seasons which the Father hath reserved in his own power". May 20 - 1773 he says: "Surely God is giving yet another call to the poor, stupid sinners of Sligo." In July 1760 he had noted: "Now was the general call for Sligo. And many did receive the word with joy - But the greatest part had "no root in themselves". What fruit then could be expected from them? June 13 - 1742 - He records: "At six I preached for the last time in Epworth church-yard, to a vast multitude gathered together from all parts. I continued among them for near three hours; and yet we scarce knew how to part. O let none think his labor of love is lost because the fruit does not immediately appear! Near 40 years did my father labor here; but he saw little fruit of all his labour. I took some pains among this people too, and my strength also seemed spent in vain but now the fruit appeared." In one place he finds a congregation "like wild asses colts" — a few miles further and he meets a company "of quite another spirit" — in another still — "they continued thrusting one another to and fro, and making such a noise, that my voice could not be heard." Again — "I preached to my favorite congregation at Placey. I then joined a little company of them together, who desire "repentance and remission of sins." This shows also how eagerly he grasped any expression of desire to organise it into a preservable form, placing only one condition for beginners but a desire "to flee from the wrath to come." Yet it was "expected of those who continued therein, that they should continue to *evidence* their desire of salvation. 1. By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind. 2. By doing good of every possible sort, By all possible diligence and frugality, that the Gospel be not blamed. By submitting to bear the reproach of Christ, to be as the filth and offscouring of the world: and looking that men should say all manner of evil of them *falsely*, for the Lord's sake. — 3rdly. By attending upon all the ordinances of God. — Family and private prayer — Fasting or abstinence — If there be any among us who observes not these rules, who habitually breaks any of them, let it be known unto them who watch over that soul as they who must give an account. We will admonish him of the error of his ways, we will bear with him for a season, But if then he repent not, he hath no more place among us, we have delivered our own souls." — He was indeed a tender spiritual nurse, performing prodigious labor to make periodical personal examination of every member with large charity detecting the evidences of a holy life "when it existed only in a low degree." On the other hand, he says — "From Gal. 6 — 3 I *earnestly* *warned* *all* who had tasted the grace of God, 1. Not to think they were justified before they had a clear assurance that God had forgiven their sins: bringing in a calm peace, the love *of God* and dominion over all sin. 2. Not to think themselves anything after they had this: but to press forward for the prize of their high calling, win a clean heart, thoroughly renewed after the image of God, in righteousness and true holiness". He was ever full of cheerful hope, but he weighed well that distinguishing faculty of man – viz: The power to chose or reject. "Blossoms are not fruits"; he would reflect after a gracious work of grace. — "How many of these will endure to the end?" Perhaps one in ten". He was ever on the alert to detect the outbreaking of the "mystery of iniquity". During his first great revival at Bristol he received a pressing letter to return to London as matters were "in great confusion for want of my presence and advice". He went there. They met — humbled themselves before God, and owned he had justly withdrawn his Spirit from them for their manifold unfaithfulness. "We acknowledged having grieved Him by our divisions &c &c." In that hour we found God with us as at the first. Some fell prostrate upon the ground. Others burst out, as with one consent, into loud praise and thanksgiving. He then returned to Bristol and records – "It is scarce credible what advantage Satan had gained during my absence of only eight days. Disputes had crept into our little society, so that the love of many was already waxed cold. When we met in the evening instead of reviving the disputes we all betook ourselves to prayer. Our Lord was with us. Our divisions were healed; misunderstandings vanished away! and all our hearts were sweetly drawn together, and united as at the first."

Having thus imperfectly sketched the history of these two great and faithful ambassadors of Our Lord, who besought men "in Christ's stead", with tears to be reconciled to God", it must be very apparent that they were wrought in by the self-same Holy Spirit and were "partakers of like precious faith". Bear with me still, and suffer me to point out the Key to all. Paul declares to his son Timothy in addition to "Thou hast accurately traced my doctrine and manner of life" — My "Intention" and the beloved Wesley writes concerning it" I saw that *Simplicity* of *Intention* and Purity of Affection are the wings of the soul, without which we can never ascend to the Mount of God." "The intention fixed itself in my soul to give him *my whole heart* and I sought it from that hour." This intention made them *Wrestlers* in prayer for themselves and all others of a like mind. "Night and day praying exceedingly" says Paul. They had "the enlarged desire" of their Lord who "Early in the morning a great while before day went into a solitary place and there prayed" and who "Beneath the moon pierced olive shade" of Gethsemane spent the whole night in prayer to God.

Here my heart is brought to desire to fix the application of this rehearsal of past history. As we have sometimes considered together let us once more ask each other "What do you really want?" What is your intention? What does your review of the past year prove to your heart concerning it? Are you more firmly resolved "to live godly in Christ Jesus" or have you drifted away from it for any reason? Is that "Eternal prayer" of Our Lord, "That they may be one as we are" That the love wherewith thou lovedst me may be in them and I in them," Still sweeter than honey to your soul taste? Are you still contending for "*the* faith once delivered to the saints" or have you dropped into indefiniteness, so that you are satisfied with "a set of opinions" and "a round of regular duties"? Are you Hot? He that "walks among the golden candlesticks" with "eyes as coals of fire" and burning feet, has a definite choice toward you- "I would thou wert hot"! The words of Peter ring continually in my soul, "What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness". Make haste! says Wesley:

Let thy "soul break out with strong desire
The perfect bliss to prove
Thy longing soul be all on fire
To be dissolved in love".

Were ever men sent to a more difficult task? We are sent to souls "sitting in darkness" who are to see "the Great Light". "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." They already called us "God's people" "People of Love". Does the Great Searcher of hearts" witness by "His Spirit with our spirits" that "in simplicity and godly sincerity we have our conversation" among them? They are under a double curse — from the hand of God — "The curse of Adam" and "The curse of Canaan". Paul went to the "more noble" Bereans who could "search the Scriptures daily whether these things were so," But these "servile sons of Ham" have scarce any Scripture to search in their own tongue and no ability to do it as a rule if they had. "What a blessing" says Wesly, is knowledge *when it is sanctified* — What stability can be expected without it? Out of two hundred whom I left here last year, sixtynine are gone already. They are eminently "unstable as water". "Let their affections be ever so lively for the present, yet what hold can you have upon a people who neither know books nor men: neither themselves nor the Bible: neither natural nor spiritual things"?

Yet blessed be God! "Faith cometh by hearing"! He willeth all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth". "They shall come from the east and from the west" at every pearly gate they shall come in. "I charge thee therefore before God, Preach the Word! Be instant in season"! Rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure wholesome doctrine". "Watch thou in all things"! — "An earnest, constant persevering exercise. The Scripture watching or waiting implies steadfast faith, patient hope, labouring love, unceasing prayer: yea the mighty exertion of all the affections of the soul that a man is capable of". Nevertheless, when we think of what is requisite for the sinews of a church and of "committing the ministry to faithful men able to teach others also," can we help casting our glances to our nurseries for them?

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If so we must have "long patience", and eagerly long for "*prescious* fruit" and we must take heed to the "early and latter rains" upon them." O! take courage ye patient plodders "dig deep" and found your work upon "the rock Christ Jesus". Hear *his* sayings and do *them*." The "winds shall beat vehemently"; the "tempests shall come and beat" upon your work. I entreat you not to be satisfied with mere accomplishments in reading, music, workmanship or anything that without love only "puffeth up". "Love alone edifieth." Hear then these solemn words once more — "Above all things have *Fervent* *Love* among yourselves". O! follow after it! Be in earnest!

"Love shall make us persevere
Till our conquering Lord appear
Bear us to our thrones above
Crown us with his heavenly love."

Remember those earnest words: "The heaven of heavens is love – There is nothing higher in religion! there is in effect nothing else, if you look for anything but *more* *love*, you are looking wide of the mark, you are getting out of the royal way."

Let us so "follow after love" as to be dead to "worldly praise" counting all we have left for Christ "as dung" that we "may be found in him." Remember Mr. Wesley says – "God never used us effectively until we became a proverb of reproach"! Let us choose now, this moment, anew, to be "Men of God" – i.e. United to and approved of Him".)

During the past year we have necessarily been employed a great deal in the labour of building, repairing and improving our properties. We patiently hope to fulfil the order of the Lord in this respect, that we may be free for other labors in his will and design. A forward movement to the "Regions Beyond" has been partially inaugurated this year at a point miles inland from Malange. We found a healthy appearing people who received us kindly and gave permission to build, but later when Our Beloved Bishop and others went there to build, it was found that neighboring native chiefs had divided the former council and that it will be necessary to go in still further to treat with a superior chief, which we have not time to do at present. It was designed to call this "The Pegley Mission". A new station has been established 6 miles from Malange in a beautiful location for a girls school, farming, stock raising &c: which will be known as the "Munhall Mission". We have also opened for one year, as an experiment, a station for native helpers at Lusungua, 20 miles beyond Pungo Andongo. Schools have been maintained in all our stations except Loanda which we have not had missionaries to supply during a portion of the year, but which will D.V. be supplied at once.

Our Financial statements, showing the results of the past year's business will be presented to the Conference as usual in tabular form, also statistical statement.

During the year in company with my wife I have visited all the stations once but have spent the most labor in Dondo and Quihongoa where the greatest need seemed to exist. In Dondo being much exercised over some of our native flock who had not the strength to endure the persecution that arose, we began preaching in the yard of one family and the next week, being stirred to see the people in the bondage of corruption we took up street preaching for about ten days, which awakened much jealousy among the citizens and extending to the military chief. He requested us to desist. We were much tried in many ways but counted not our lives dear unto us, and were wholly absorbed in proving the will of God. We concluded to present a memorial to the Government declaring our

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simplicity of intention and giving a sketch of our history which we did but received orders not to preach in the villages or streets without license which we have pursued since. We are glad to learn of the Bishop his principle of action in India, viz: To labor in families until he had a corps of living, godly witnesses to present their testimony in corroboration of his preaching.

Rev. Bradley Burr was with us at this time from the Congo District and stood by us. We are saddened by the intelligence of his recent death. He was a pure minded, loving disciple with whom we found fellowship.

Bro. John Garcia Fernandes, our native helper in Dondo, passed this mob test and much subsequent reproach for Christ in a martyr spirit, declaring publicly that he preferred laying down his life to yielding his loyalty to Christ. Pray for him.

We have done much hard manual labor in our building at Quihongoa, and have been guided by two principles: 1. To build durably. 2. To make an ample provision for a "Nursery Training School", to the end of the world. May those who use it in the coming centuries keep their souls staid on God only as the builders have been enabled to do by the grace of the Holy Spirit daily poured upon us.

(And now in concluding let our hearts join in that earnest prayer:

Love in me intensely burn
Love my inmost essence seize
All into thy nature turn
All into thy holiness
Spark of thy celestial flame
Then my soul shall upward move
Trembling on with steady aim
Seek and join its source above.)

Amos E. Withey P. E.

On motion meeting adjourned to meet Wednesday next at 2 P. M. The doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by Brother A. E. Withey.

(Wednesday, August 22nd 1894.

Conference met according to appointment at 2 1/2 o'clock P. M. Brother Schneidermiller was invited to open the meeting and he announced the 313th hymn, beginning:

"Pierce, fill me with an humble fear."

He then led in prayer, after which the minutes of last session of Conference were read and approved. On motion of Brother Withey, Conference adjourned to meet Saturday 2 1/2 o'clock P. M. and thus give additional time to complete accounts — The Bishop pronounced the benediction.)

Saturday, August 25th 1894.

Devotions

Conference assembled at 2 1/2 o'clock P. M. Brother S. J. Mead announced the 586th hymn, which was sung, after which he led in prayer. Conference then proceeded again to the passing the character of its members. Personal Reports The roll was then called in order and all characters were favorably passed upon so far as called, and at the request of the Bishop made such remarks relative to their life and labors as they felt led. Sister Ernie F. Withey said she was glad if she might be permitted by the Lord to fill that place called in the scriptures a helper, which she endeavors to do.

Brother C. W. Gordon stated that he had been absent from Dondo Station six months of the year. He spoke of the faithfulness of Brother João Gracia Fernandes who had proved himself a sincere christian, and of the prayer meeting established in the house of one Velho Bumba who with about six others, having thrown away their idols, give proof of a sincere turning to God.

Brother S. J. Mead expressed himself encouraged and gave inter-

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esting particulars of the work of God in Malange, dwelling especially upon the lingering sickness of dear Brother Christovo of precious memory among us for his meek and loving ~~temper~~ spirit.

Sister Ardella K. Mead praised the Lord for His loving-kindness and tender mercies to her this year in body and soul. She then payed loving tributes to her dear sisters, making special mention of Sister Withey and Sister Minnie Mead.

Brother R. Shields spoke encouragingly of the work, the good regular attendance, his visits to the people and the jail. He also paid loving tribute to the Elder and his brethern. Bishop then related experience of the first efforts of the Missionary Societies stating that Dr. Nathan Bangs said if they could report but one chinaman converted they could say they had a church in China. But in 12 years there was not one. The scene is changed now, and turning from them to our experience here, comparing the difficulties, these reports of ours though they appear small are not inconsiderable as compared with the experiences of the past.

Sister Susan Collins said she had not been sick a day in twenty months but enabled constantly to go on in the schooling and training of her 8 children.

Brother Schneidemiller gave an account of his experiences and labors in Khangue, beginning so impressed of his utter helplessness, that on his way there from conference last year that he was constrained to fall down and pray before he reached the Station. Amid the lack of numbers turning to God — Content often to preach to one man if he might preach with the same zeal as if a thousand were present. He spoke of his personal work among the sanzallas and caravanceras.

Brother Herbert C. Withey said he had not much to say but praised God for any place in the work of God. He reviewed his past experience back to his call which he has never once doubted. Bishop remarked he well remembered the time.

Sister Lizzie Whiteside Shields in tears thanked God for his mercy and love in giving her a place in this work, for support in her affliction in the death of her little babe Bertha Mead Shields.

Sister Catherine M. Dodson said she found it good to be here. She had little to say of her labors to which Brother Herbert C. Withey kindly referred.

Brother Gordon then gave an account of the sick and afflicted in Dondo which they had there been enabled to minister to.

Brother W. P. Dodson said he had nothing to say but that he had sought through the year to pray and plod.

Program for the Sabbath

The Comittee on Religious Exercises reported the following program for the Sabbath – Morning 5 o'clock service in charge of Bishop. Preaching in Kimbundu at 9 A. M. by Bishop through an interpreter. Sabbath School at 2 P. M. in charge of Brother Robert Shields. Communion Service at 6.30 P. M.

Meeting adjourned to meet Monday next 2 1/2 o'clock P. M. Doxology was sung and Bishop pronounced the benediction.

Sunday. August 26th. 1894.

(Meetings were held according to appointment.)

Monday. August 27th. 1894.

Devotions

Conference convened at 2 1/2 o'clock, opened by Brother Robt. Shields. The 800th. hymn 2nd. part was sung followed by prayer by Brother Shields. Approval of Minutes Minutes of ~~Wednesday and~~ Saturday were read and approved after certain corrections suggested by the Bishop. Personal Report Conference then proceeded to rollcall and passing the character of its members.

Brother J. W. Shuett made a loving and loyal presentation

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of the facts as he felt them to be. Coming in as a new member he felt encouraged at the progress made and expressed a glad willingness to go whensoever the Lord may appoint.

Sister Mary B. Shuett spoke in the same tenor and her feelings were those of thanks to God to be in the line of St. Paul, and in the training of young souls for God.

Dr. Jennie M. Taylor said her work is yet before her uncompleted and asked of all that they would seek God's blessing upon it.

On motion of Brother Withey Conference adjourned to meet Thursday next 2 1/2 o'clock P. M.

Thursday, August 30th 1894.

Devotions

Conference met at 2 1/2 o'clock. The 539th hymn was sung, beginning: "Lift up your hearts to things above."

Brother Dodson then read chapter of 2nd Chronicles — conference kneeling, after which he led in prayer. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Committee on Publication

Publication Committee presented the following report which was on motion accepted and ~~then~~ adopted. (See Report)

Committee on Publication. — Conference August 1894.

Dear Brethren.

We may not have done as we would, but believe we have done as we could. This year we have published nothing except a little with the typewriter and a little with our press. Our prospective printer of whom we reported expectantly at last Conference, made his appearance in Loanda and his disappearance about the same time. Having ordered sorts for our press, we feel that, by the help of the Lord (~~not without it~~) somebody must learn to print. There is prospect of room for the press at Quihongua, and there is room at Nhangue, and during the coming year, without waiting for a trained printer from abroad we mean to seek to learn it at home. Increased matter for publication has been received by the addition of five or six new hymns, also several Psalms and other parts of scripture for the greater part the work of our Brother Herbert C. Withey, besides others by our beloved Elder and Brother Robt. Shields.

Altogether there is the growing hymn book, Catechism, including the Ten Commandments and Apostles Creed, The Lords Prayer and some forms of prayer for little children, part of the Sermon on the Mount and the scriptures above refered to. That part of our Church Discipline relating to the conditions on which seekers after God may join and continue in the Church is also begun to be translated as also the ritual.

All hymns handed in we will seek to do the best in our power with to bring to perfection and publication.

Respectfully submitted by the

Committee {
W. P. Dodson.
C. W. Gordon.
Herbert C. Withey.
Robert Shields.

Adjournment

Brother Withey stated that the Financial Report was about ready but needed proving. He then moved an adjournment of Conference to Saturday afternoon to allow time for this and Committee meetings and other matters necessary to the conclusion of Conference business. Conference then adjourned to meet Saturday afternoon.

(Conference standing the Bishop offered thanksgiving to God for the mercies of the day and the improvement in the condition of Sister Lavina Ratcliff who was very low this morning and Sister Raven who had been ill and is much improved. He then offered prayer which he followed by the)

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benediction.

(Saturday, September 1st 1894.

Conference met according to appointment and was opened by Bishop in the use of the 169th hymn which he followed by prayer. On motion of Brother Withey, Brother Shuett was appointed to prepare a memorial upon the death of our dear Sister Lavina Ratcliff who departed this life last evening August 31st at about 8 o'clock.

Committee on Devotional Exercises presented the following program for the Sabbath:

Morning Service at 5 o'clock in charge of Bishop.

Preaching in Kimbundu at 9 A. M. by the Bishop through an interpreter.

Sabbath School at 2 P. M. in charge of Brother W. P. Dodson.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and love feast at 6 o'clock P. M.

On motion meeting adjourned to meet Monday morning 5 o'clock.

Bishop then pronounced the benediction.)

Devotions

Monday, September 3rd 1894.

Conference met at 5 o'clock A. M. The Bishop read and commented upon the 2nd Chapter of Phillippians, beginning: If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. The 258th hymn was sung followed by prayer. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The Bishop stated that Brother Shuett having had fever, he had excused him from the preparation of a memorial of Sister Ratcliff, and had transferred that sadly pleasant task to Sister Raven)

On motion meeting adjourned to meet 2 1/2 o'clock P. M. The Bishop pronounced the benediction.

2 1/2 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned meeting

Conference met at the appointed hour the Bishop announcing the 257th hymn after the singing of which he led in prayer.

Statistics

Committee on Statistics presented their ~~following~~ report: (See Statement)

Native Work in Angola Missions.

For year ending July 1894.

Stations	Membership			Baptisms		Sabbath Schools			Day Schools			Infant Training		
	Probationers	Full Members	Deaths	Children	Adults	No. of Schools	Officers & Teachers	Average Attendance	No. of Schools	No. of Teachers	Scholars	Native Children Supported	Redeemed from Slavery	Av. Att. at Sabbath Preaching
Loanda			Station			not.		supplied.						
Dondo	2					1	2	35	1	1	24	1		50
Nhangue						1	1	5						5
Barrett Station	3			1		1	3	30	1	2	9	2		35
P. Andongo	6	10		10		2	3	40	1	1	10	10	1	30
Malange	13	52	1	8		2	3	40	4	4	25	33	2	55
Totals	24	62	1	19		7	12	150	7	8	68	46	3	175

(For balance of report on Statistics see following page.)

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Table of Missionaries sent out to Bishop Wm. Taylor's Self Supporting Missions in Angola, Africa.

Missionaries sent out. No. of party. Year.	1st Party 1885.	Smith. (June) 2nd 1886	Arringdale. (December) 3rd. 1886	Hicks. 4th 1887	Rusling. 5th 1890	J. Peck. 6th 1891	Gough. 7th 1892	Cass. 8th 1893	Archer. 9th. 1893	Shuett. 10th 1894	Collins. Transfd. from Congo.	Schneidmiller. Transfd. from Liberia.	Births in Africa.	Totals.
Men	18	3	1	4	1		1	1	1	1		1		
Women	7	3	5	1	2	2	2	2		3	2			
Children	16	4	1	2	2								8	
Totals	41	10	7	7	5	2	3	3	1	4	2	1	8	94
Rt. to America within 10 mos. by reason of sickness and otherwise.	4	2					1	1	1					
	2						1	2			1		3	
	4	4												26
Rt. to America after 1 yr. or more of service by reason of sickness or otherwise.	6	1	1	3	1									
	1	1	4	1	2									
	1		1	1	2									26
Died within 10 mos.	2													
		2								1				
				1									2	8
Deaths occurring in Africa after 1 yr. or more service.	1													
	1		1			1								
	7													11
Transfd. to Congo.	1													1
Now at front.	11	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	1	3	22

The report being accepted was adopted.

The Summary Report of Work in Angola from the beginning was then presented as follows:

Summary of Church Work of Bishop Wm. Taylor's Self Supporting Missions in Angola, Africa. 1885–'94. 9 yrs.

	1885-6	1886-7	1887-8	1888-9	1889-90	1890-1	1891-2	1892-3	1893-4
Av. Attendance at Sabbath Preaching.			75	59	97	150	155	168	175
Av. Attendance at Sabbath School.	106	175	200	130	105	115	125	135	150
Probationers.					15	20	30	44	24
Full Members.								45	62
Baptisms.	2				20		30	12	19

Summary of School Work.

	1885-6	1886-7	1887-8	1888-9	1889-90	1890-1	1891-2	1892-3	1893-4
Av. Attendance at Day Schools.	52	79	65	44	26	29	38	57	68
Native Nursery Children Supported.	8	12	15	8	10	14	19	33	46
Redeemed from Slavery.								5	3

Traslations into Kimbundu.

Gospel of St. John – entire } By Heli Chatelain.
" " St. Luke – incomplete }
Various portions of Entire Scriptures.
Catechism – complete.
Hymn Book.

The Report on motion was accepted and adopted.

Financial Reports

The Annual Tabulated Statement of Finances was then presented by Brother A. E. Withey. (See Statement.)

This was followed by a summary presented by Brother Withey as follows: (See Summary.)

On motion these reports were accepted and adopted. Brother Withey then presented the following reports which were accepted and are as follows: (See Trust Fund, General Building fund, Benjamin Barrett Building Fund, Contingent Fund, Girl Redemption Fund, Deed and Tax Fund, Dondo Cemetery Fund, General Expense Fund.)

The Report of Committee on Conference and Presiding Elder's Expenses was as follows, and was accepted.

(See Report.)

Miscellaneous Business

The Committee on Miscellaneous Business made its report verbally through the Chairman Brother Withey, to the effect ~~which~~ that after the consideration of various matters presented they would recommend no material change ~~addition~~, for the present, in ~~to~~ our general working plan, and was commended by the Bishop who spoke of what may be expected in the line of development in time.

Memoir

Sister Raven then presented and read the ~~following~~ memoirial of our departed Sister Leavina Ratcliff which was received and adopted. ((See Memorial.))

Appointments

The Bishop then announced the following appointments: (See Appointments.)

On motion Conference adjourned sine die subject to the call of the Bishop if necessary.

The Doxology was sung and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

6 1/2 o'clock P. M.

Final session

The Bishop read the conversation of Jesus with the woman of Samaria at the well and commented beautifully upon the leading truth therein taught, an illustration of how to avoid

Bishop Taylor's Missionary expedition.

Names	Birthplace.	Date of birth. month.	year.	Occupation. Minister. Teacher or Mechanic & Teacher.
Geo. B. Mackey.	Hancock County West Virginia	Nov 21st	1845	Mechanic & Teacher.
A. Edwin Withey	Lynn. Mass. U.S.A.	Mch. 29	18[illegible]8	Minister.
Irene J. Withey	Boston Mass	Aug 9	184[illegible]	Teacher.
Herbert E. Withey	Lynn "	Jan 9	-73	
M. Estella Withey	" "	" 16	-75	Translated July 30 1889
Lottie M. Withey	Boxford "	June 4	-77	" Dec. 11 1892
Florence S. Withey	Lynn "	Oct. 6	-79	" " 12. 1892
Clarence L. Davenport	Gardner, Ill. USA.	July 3rd.	1862	Minister.
Mrs. Mary H. Myers Davenport	West Woodstock. Connecticut. U.S.A.	Dec. 28th.	1859	Doctor of Medicine.
Chas. Murray McLean	Woodstock Carleton Co. New Brunswick. Canada	Feb 5	1846	Mechanic and Teacher
Chas L. Miller	Baltimore, Md. U.S.A.	Oct 5	1863	Teacher
Wm. P. Dodson	Easton, Talbot Co., Maryland.	June 19th	1857	Teacher.

Delia Reese

F. B. Northam

H. M. Willis

Annie "

H. McKinley

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Henry Kelly

Members of Missionary Expedition:

Names	Birth place	date of birth Month	 year	Occupation Minister of the Gospel S. Teacher or Mechanic & Teach
W. H. Mead	Underhill Vt	Aug 15	1845	Farmer Mechanic and Teacher
M. A. Mead	Montgomery Vt	Aug 26	1850	Teacher
Nellie E. Mead	Underhill Vt	Sept. 16	18[illegible]	Teacher
John H. "	" "	Oct-30	1877	
Edna "	" "	March 8	1876	
Luther Samuel "	" "	Apr 29	1879	
Wm. J. "	" "	Sept-23	1881	
Andw "	" "	Nov 30	1883	
Joseph Wilks	London England	June 14	1846	Minister
Emily M. Wilks	" "	Nov 22	1846	Teacher
Agnes Josine Wilks	Ont Canada	Dec 23	1874	
Charles A. Ratcliffe	London England	Nov. 10	1857	Teacher.
Chas. W. Gordon	Guysboro' N. S.	Mar 11	1856	Teacher
Héli Chatelain	Morat (Switzerld)	April 29	1859	Teacher
Levin Johnson	Fulton, Illinois	July 22	1856	Minister — also printer.
S. J. Mead	Underhill Vt	May 7	1849	Servant of Jesus
Ardelle K. Mead.	Franconia N.H.	Sept. 13	1848	Servant of Jesus
C. G. Rudolph	Rochester, N.Y.	Jan. 25.	1861	Servant
Ross Wm Taylor	Rockbridge Co. Virginia	Sept. 12th	1857	Minister
Ada Taylor	Henry Co Ill.	April 25	1858	
Stuart Le Roy Taylor	San Jose California			
William Ross Taylor	Stanislaus Co. "			
Arthur Ray Taylor				
Harriett				
Bertha Mead	Underhill	march 23	187[illegible]	Servant
Levi D Johnson M.D.	Muscatine Iowa	June 24	1855	Physician & Surgeon

discussion and win a prejudiced soul to Christ. The 201st hymn was sung and followed by prayer.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. On motion of Brother Shields Pungo Andongo was selected as the place of meeting of next conference. Minutes of present meeting were read and approved. Conference adjourned to meet subject to the call of the Presiding Elder.

Wm. P. Dodson, Secty.

Statement of Finances
Angola Missions.

For the year ending July 15th. 1894.

1894.	Mission Property.					Totals.	Income.				Expenditures			Donations.				Transfe
	Buildings and Farms.	Merchandise and Cash.	Live Stock.	Machinery and Tools.	Furniture.		Live Stock.	Farm.	Mechanical Industries.	Store.	Household.	Property Outlays.	Transfers from Station to Station.	For Expenses.	For Real Estate.	For machinery and Tools.	For Furniture.	
Loanda	4800.00	318.56 592.08		300.00 sold by L. C. R. 88.00	471.00	6269.64				Rent etc. 329.54	10.99	170.68	29.00		170.68			
Dondo	5283.86	5010.05		295.12	459.80	11048.83				532.91	469.48	448.73			250.00			
Nhangue	2144.11	1003.10	414.00	580.24	291.34	4432.79	92.37			695.64	215.63	90.98 15.79 286.13				90.98		
Quihongua	3463.93	640.73	832.00	720.36	755.90	6412.92	22.36			341.33	475.48	934.45			896.66	14.93	22.86	
Pungo A.	2302.20	1019.72		169.29	511.01	4002.22				617.40	403.86	123.22	Loss by Cattle Disease		236.74	9.00	28.20	
Malange	3280.00	656.31	344.00	559.00	458.60	5297.91				390.00	684.00	148.00	275.00	Offset of loss on Live Stock:	[illegible]		33.00	
		9240.55				37464.31	114.73			2906.82	2259.44	2217.98						
Less amt. due Trust Fund						7773.34												
						29690.97												
					7/93	25551.97												
			Increase			4139.00												

Summary of Tabular Statement.

July 16th 1894.

Total property in Angola	29.710.97	
Amount of Trust Fund	7.773.34	
		37.484.31

Total Capital outside of Real Estate, Machinery, Tools & Furniture Including "Trust Fund"	10.830.55	
Less liabilities	469.23	
		10.361.32
Deduct Live Stock		1.590.00
Commercial Capital		8.771.32
"Dead" Assetts		2.594.00
		6.177.32
"Seasonable" Assetts		500.00
"Quick" Assetts (But not very quick)		5.677.32

Stock for six stores.

Total Income	3021.55
Total Expenses	2259.44
	762.11

Property outlays unprovided for by donations	755.35

Angola Property	29.710.97
Contrib. by 4 men	14.500.00
	15.210.97

Marriages

Charles A. Ratcliffe and L. Fannie Cummings, the former of Virginia Water England and the latter of Wakefield Mass. U. S. A. were united in Holy Matrimony, by me, at the British Consulate in Loanda Angola - Jany. 3rd 1887.

A. E. Withey
Minister of the Gospel

Charles Murray McLean and Helen Louisa Hartley of Woodstock. New Brunswick, were united in Holy Matrimony at the British Consulate in Loanda Angola Jany. 3 1888.

William Patterson Dodson of Easton, Maryland U. S. A. and E. Hannah Brannen of Woods Harbor - Shelburne Co. Nova Scotia. were united in Holy Matrimony at "Canadua" mission House - Pungo Andongo - Angola Africa Thursday August 30th 1888 by me

A. E. Withey
Minister of the Gospel.

Death them did part Jany. 21 1889. she passing to her reward on high.

Marriages Cont

Marriages continued under "W"

Robert Shields and Elisabeth Whiteside, both of Newry Ireland, were united in Holy Matrimony by me in the town of Dondo-Angola, on thursday, the seventh day of May 1891.

Wm Taylor.
Methodist Ep. Bishop of Africa.

William Patterson Dodson of Easton Maryland U. S. A. and Jeanie Peck of Wyoming, Iowa. were united in Holy Matrimony. at Nhangue-a-Pepe. township of Dondo. Province of Angola. on Lord's Day August 2nd. 1891. by me. assisted by Rev. William H. Mead.

Amos E. Withey
Presiding Elder of Angola District

Robert Shields of Newry Ireland and Albertha Mead of Underhill Vt. U.S.A. were united in Holy Matrimony at Malange June 16 1889 by Bishop Wm Taylor
She died July 21 only 5 weeks later.

Report of various Funds.

July 16th 1894.

Trust Fund.

Balance July 15th 1893.		4.941.00
Transfer from Munhall Mission Fund by direction of Bishop Taylor		250.00
Receipts		2.582.33
Balance on hand		7.773.33

General Building Fund.

Balance July 15th 1893		507.50
Expenditures:		
Luximbi	22.00	
Lusungua	121.63	
New Salt House and Carriers Shed in Dondo for general Benefit of Inland Stations	250.00	393.63
Balance on hand		113.87

Benj. Barrett Building Fund.

Balance July 15th 1893.	890.81
Receipts	800.00
	1.690.81
Outlays	896.66
Balance on hand	794.15

Contingent Fund.

Balance July 15th 1893		625.71
Receipts		386.43
Expenditures:		1.012.14
Transfer to Trust Fund	209.835	
Part of Deficit L. C. Burling in Loanda	198.502	
Sundry Expenses, new missionaries etc.	81.800	
		490.14
Balance on hand		522.00

Girl Redemption Fund.

Balance July 15th 1893.	159.00
Outlay	30.00
Balance on hand	129.00

Deed and Tax Fund.

Balance July 15th 1893	92.60
Receipts	275.00
	367.60
Expenditure	43.79
	323.81

Dondo Cemetery Fund.

Balance July 15th 1893		43.000
Outlay	19.00	
Applied to Loanda Cemetery	20.00	
		39.00
Balance on hand		4.00

General Expense Fund.

Balance July 15th 1893	31.39
Receipts	18.74
	50.13
Expenditures	7.99
Balance on hand	42.14

Report of Committee on Conference and Presiding Elder's Expenses.

Whole amount of Conference expenses, including transportation of members of Conference to Quihongua and return to their respective Stations	106.885
Presiding Elder's expenses during the year	124.080
	Rs. 230.965

Divided between 6 Station's, viz:

Loanda
Dondo
Nhangue
Quihongua
Pungo Andongo
Malange

Making the amt. pd. by each Station:
6 Stations Rs. 38:494⅙ Rs. 230:965

Quihongua, Sept. 3rd 1894.

Respectfully submitted

C. W. Gordon.

"In Memoriam."

Sister Lavina Ratcliff.

Fell asleep in Jesus at Owihongua August 31st 1894.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Lavina fell asleep in Jesus, Friday evening Aug. 31. a little past eight o'clock, aged 43 yrs. 4 mos. 17 days. From childhood she loved and trusted Jesus, the Christlike life of her sainted mother lending its inspiration in every detail of her life while her one desire was to grow up into Jesus. She gave largely of her substance, love and life in the labor which she loved – the spread of the Knowledge of the redeeming love of Jesus among those who were without hope. She had often wished to go as a missionary but felt she would not be accepted. She supported one in the field, rejoicing that she might suffer bodily want while thus giving unto the Lord.

When called to go herself she writes: "My whole being responded. If you want me to go, open the way and make it plain to me and I will go gladly. There was such a sweet peace came over me and I could not pray any more. I am perfectly calm and peaceful as to the result. I Know it is going to be allright. If they accept me, I will go with you, if not, I shall go where He leads."

The day before passing Heavenward she said – "If He does call today its all right". That night she said: "I'm looking upward." As the hours moved on toward the "Opening of the Gates" her trust and humility which had been so simple and childlike grew more beautiful in their simplicity, culminating just before she passed away in her sweet words so tender and clear — "I believe Jesus". We strove to do something. "What are *you* going to do with me?" "Help you if we can", we answered. She mildly reproved us — "Why don't you then, Jesus will care for me" — and asked for water. A short pause and then with the blessed light of Jesus revealed upon her upturned face she said — "If Jesus can take up a woman like I am He can take up any of you. Jesus cares for me". And as heaven opened and the angels attended, she passed away looking upward, lost in wonder, love and praise.

"If our love were but more simple
We would take Him at His word,
And our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord."

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."

"And I heard a voice out of heaven saying: the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them and they shall be His people, and God, Himself shall be with them and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."

Lavina is safe now in glory. And this is her song:

"Hallelujah! 'tis done
I believe in the Son,
I am saved by the blood
Of the Crucified One.

Appointments of Angola District. (For 1894)

A. E. Withey. P. E.

Loanda.	C. W. Gordon.
Dondo.	To be supplied.
Nhangue.	Wm. ~~Schneid~~Miller.
Ben. Barrett Stn.	Wm. P. Dodson, Catherine Dodson, Mrs. A. E. Withey, Herbert Withey and J. W. Shurtt & wife, till a Station can be opened for them in King Ndala Kasua's country.
Pungo Andongo & Canandua.	Robert and Lizzie Shields and Susan Collins.
Lusungua.	To be supplied.
Malange Circuit, including Malange, Farm Nursery, Munhall Mission & Bondo country.	Samuel J. Mead, Ardella, Minnie and Johnnie Mead, Miss Louise Raven, with native missionary helpers, Bernardo and Luzia his wife, Matthews and wife.

(Signed) Wm. Taylor.

1895

Angola Missions – Twelfth Annual Meeting

Pungo Andongo, July 26th 1895. Friday –

Members present

Conference was called by the Presiding Elder, Rev. A. E. Withey and assembled according to appointment at Pungo Andongo. July 26th 1895. the first session beginning at 4½ o'clock P.M.

Members Present: –

Rev. A. E. Withey, C. W. Gordon, Robt. Shields, Herbert C. Withey, Wm. Schneidmiller, Jno. W. Shuett, Sister Mary B. Shuett and Wm. P. Dodson.

Opening exercises

The 483rd hymn of Wesley Collection was sung, after which the Elder read very impressively the third chapter of Coll. from the 12th to the 17th verses inclusive. Bro. Dodson was chosen to serve as Secretary. The Elder then proceeded to administer the Holy Sacrament, and it was a season of preciousness and love.

Committees

The following committees were elected, viz: – Religious and Literary Exercises: – Bros. Gordon, H. C. Withey & Shields. Miscellaneous Business: Bros. Shuett, Schneidmiller, & H. C. Withey. Statistics. H. C. Withey, C. W. Gordon and Robt. Shields. The following Conf. Program was chosen: – Rise at 4, Devotional Meeting 4½ to 6 A.M. Business Session 2 P.M. Evening Prayer 6½ P.M.

On motion of Bro. H. C. Withey it was voted that our business sessions shall be attended by members of the Conference only. On motion, Conf. adjourned.

Saturday July 27th 1895.

Devotional

The Presiding Elder announced the 302nd hymn which was sung, after which he read the 127th & 128th Psalms and led in prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after some amendment.

Program for the Sabbath

Committee on Religious and Literary Exercises presented the following report as the order of Services for the Sabbath July 28th: – Morning Service at 4.30 A.M. in charge of the Presiding Elder, Rev. A. E. Withey. Preaching in Kimbundu at 9.15 A.M. by Rev. Herbert C. Withey: S. School at 2.30 P.M. conducted by Rev. W. P. Dodson: Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 6 P.M., which was adopted. Minutes of present meeting were read and approved. On motion Conf. adjourned. Bro. C. W. Gordon pronounced the benediction.

Monday. July 29th 1895. 2 o'clock P.M.

The 18th hymn was sung, followed by exhortation in the Scriptures by the Elder. In his exhortation he portrayed the behaviour of the Israelites toward God and toward Moses their appointed leader; first, groaning under their bondage, then, as soon as their deliverance was actively begun, doubting and complaining in place of letting their confidence in God shine out, even when they had least hope in themselves. His exhortation he followed by appropriate prayer. On motion of Bro. Schneidmiller, Conf. adjourned to meet Saturday afternoon next. The benediction was pronounced by Bro. Dodson.

Saturday August 3rd 1895. 2 o'clock P.M.

Conference reopened by singing hymn no. 550 followed by reading from the 2nd Epistle to Timothy, by the Elder, which he followed by prayer. Members present, Rev. A. E. Withey, C. W. Gordon, Saml. J. Mead, Ardella K. Mead, Robt. Shields, Herbert C. Withey, Wm. Schneidmiller, Jno. W. Shuett, Mary B. Shuett, W. P. Dodson. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Committee on Religious & Literary Exercises presented the following program for Sunday Aug. 4th 1895. 1st Preaching in English at 4.30 A.M. by the Elder, Rev. A. E. Withey. 2nd Preaching in Kimbundu at 9.30 A.M. by Rev. C. W. Gordon. 3rd Sabbath School in Kimbundu conducted by Rev. Robt. Shields at 2.30 p.m. 4th Devotional Service at 6. P.M. On motion Conf. adjourned to meet Sat. Aug. 10th 2. p.m. The doxology was sung, & Bro. S. J. Mead pronounced the benediction.

Saturday Aug. 10th 1895 2. o'clock P.M.

Conference reopened with fervent prayer by the Elder. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The Comm. on Religious & Literary Exercises presented the following report for the Sabbath. 1st Class-meeting at 4.30 A.M. led by the Pres. Elder. 2nd Preaching in Kimbundu at 9.30 by Rev. W. P. Dodson. 3rd Sabbath School at 2.30 P.M. conducted by Rev. S. J. Mead. 4th Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 6. p.m. On motion of Bro. Gordon Conf. adjourned to meet Monday 4.30 A.M. Bro. Shields pronounced the benediction.)

Monday Aug. 12th 1895.

Intervening sessions

The sessions for the intervening two weeks were largely of a devotional character.
The Sabbath services were conducted according to the Committee's program.
Conference convened this morning according to appointment at 4.30 O'Clock.

Opening Exercises

The Presiding Elder read the 50th & 51st Psalms in connection with parts of the Covenant to which we agreed together last evening after partaking of the Sacrament.

He then led in prayer. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Reports next being in order, the Presiding Elder presented the following report.

Presiding Elder's Report.

The first decade of our history in the Province of Angola has expired since our last Conf. and we are now just emerging from it into the second. It is very evident that the "Head of the Church" has risen up to inaugurate an improved condition in his Church. and it behoves us to deeply humble ourselves at this Conf. session. and diligently harken unto his voice. that we may not fail of knowing about all the good he is speaking concerning us.

Let us be humbled by ~~receiving~~ reviewing the mercies of the past, since Jany. 22 1885 that severe cold morning when the "City of Montreal" weighed anchor and bore us from our native land, some never to return to "the country from which they came out" but to "seek (and find) a better country that is an heavenly" We who have survived the perils of the ocean, perils by fever in Loanda and perils of various sorts since, and are present here to enter upon a new decade, were mostly the weakest of all the company of forty-three persons who first landed in Angola in 1885. and have proved that "the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong". We have prayed and praised, wept and sown, toiled and suffered, triumphed and rejoiced and now shall we deeply consider. "Lord, who hath believed our report, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed"? "Gross darkness" doth indeed "cover the people" among whom we are but we have wrought in cheerful hope. following the example of our Saviour "teaching and preaching the gospel of the kingdom". We have not been hid. We have evidence that there has been much watching of our lives and behaviour and much speculation as to our real design in coming and remaining in this untoward climate year after year.

Many have received the word up to some "hard saying" and then walked no more with us. Some have received the word with joy, amended their outward life for a season, but failing to discern the requisite internal reformation, have returned to their wallowing in the mire of sensual vices". Many are exhibiting sincerity of intention, but are so mixed up with the traditions and superstitions of past ages of teaching in unrighteousness, that they get on slowly toward the light, but have evidently seen the "candle in a dark place". Some have evidenced triumphs in death and we trust are now happy in Paradise. It has been our happy privilege in the past year to see a soul truly born from above - ~~regenerated~~ renewed by the Holy Ghost - made a new creature and possessing the native appetites of a heaven born soul", with longings immediately following for the full image of God. I do not say there are not a multitude of such but providentially they have not come under my observation with such convincing evidences as in this case, but having been pouring out to the Lord, for ten years, longings to see abundant genuine proofs of a renewing by the Holy Ghost in natives of Africa, I do feel a right to be merry over one kid at least, given by the Lord.

I am doubtless classed as a pessimist and have become used to that cross, but am conscious I am not one at heart. I joy in the hopeful signs of the coming of the glorious kingdom of our Lord and believe that much very much preparatory work has been wrought and "foundations laid for many generations". I have been specially directed of late to Isaiah 60th chapter and have revelled in joyous anticipations of the glorious triumphs that the gospel is inaugurating and that shall be seen in this Province. But by the grace of God, so long as my voice shall be heard among you it shall be in contending "for quality (coupled with quantity if possible) but if not, quality, even "precious fruit" that "the husbandman waiteth for" and hath "long patience" to obtain. Lovers of statistics will find in our report, ~~or numerically considered and will agree we hope that we exhibit, results~~ fair results of ten years labor in a new field.

I must declare to you however that I am convinced that we have made a very grave mistake. In our eagerness to see the down trodden lifted up, the oppressed freed, and all yokes broken and to recognize the dawnings of light in benighted souls we have drifted away from those startling exposures of the terrible corruptions of the natural heart, which are so faithfully portrayed in the scriptures and reiterated in the writings of the saints of the

17 & 18th centuries which writings we have providentially in our midst for study and instruction. That "loathsome leprosy" brought into the world at birth by every child, we seem to overlook in an effort to exalt his innocency, which I believe has wrought much hinderance and made us very tame in revealing to him his "dire apostasy" It can never be too deeply considered that every man at birth is an athiest, an idolater, a lover of the world, an enemy of truth and righteousness and of himself would never seek God.

"Soon as we draw our infant breath
The seed of sin grow up for death"

Well may every natural heart say,

"Lord I am vile, conceived in sin
And born unholy and unclean
Sprung from the man, whose guilty fall
Corrupts his race and taints us all."

We should indeed be on the alert to secure the immense advantages offered by our covenant keeping God, for their rescue. yea their total *escape* from "the corruption that is in the world through lust. before they are five years old, by "breaking down the will" in infancy. never giving a child anything it cries for, or encouraging its love of notice, or feeding its love of the world with new bright things: by training it to regular habits in food and sleep and thus prepare the way for its ratification of the baptismal covenant and a ready yielding of the whole heart to the Holy Spirit at the first dawn of apprehension of privelege to be sanctified wholly. This ought ye to have done and not left the other undone - Let both go hand in hand 1. the probe and 2. the balm 1. the disease 2 the much more abounding remedy. O! Beloved do let us lay this to hearts, and profit thereby.)

My own labors during the past year have been mostly at Quihongoa in heavy manual labor. it being manifest that a whole year could be saved to that station by a combination of labor. and we have marvelled at the blessing of the Lord upon it. It is true I was brought low by physical prostration and came to the very gates of death but I marvel still more at the blessing of God upon this affliction. It has been good to *me* to be thus afflicted and am I deceived in asking how a greater blessing could have come upon the Angola Church than has seem to come through it? Let God be praised and let us accept all his providences and profit by them. Certainly we must search for the lessons therein and avoid past mistakes although he uses them so singularly in advancing His kingdom.

Bro. & Sister Shuett have also spent most of the year at Quihongoa. It was designed that they should be changed to Ndala Kizua to establish the Pegley mission but at the appointed time every providence pointed to a further delay and it still continues to be so. They have been blessed with a "first born" son whoom they have devoted to the Lord by their choice and visible covenant. May he be a living witness to the ability of the Saviour to save one to the uttermost before he knows enough to commit wilful sin.

It hath pleased the Lord thus to add one to our number by birth and remove one by death viz. Sister Lizzie Whiteside Shields who passed away in holy triumphs at Pungo Andongo June 17th last in the 39th year of her age. She came to Angola in 1891 in company with our Bishop Taylor and was united by him with Bro Robert Shields in holy matrimony immediately after her arrival in Dondo. Nearly all her days in Angola were spent in Pungo Andongo station. She is and will be greatly missed among us. She seemed to connect us directly with early Methodism her father's house Mullaglass. Ireland being a centre of Methodism and visiting preachers observed the custom of catechising her in childhood and her mind was stored with hymns & scripture verses which she repeated with holy emphasis in her last hours. She passed away with the name of the Saviour upon her lips endeavoring to say "Lovely Jesus"! She received a holy anointing of the Spirit a few hours before the end which banished every cloud from her spiritual sky.

Munhall mission (Quessua) has been fairly opened during the year and much labor has been expended towards its completion.

Our volume of business has increased at some points and our financial statement will show what progress the Lord has been pleased to allow us in that direction.

(It remains to urge upon you the importance of summing up the results of the last decade's experiences and establishing at this session a simple code of rules, advices and decisions that shall form a basis for our future government. Let us remember that we are raised up to spread "Scriptural holiness over this land. The children we have adopted are fast reaching an age when they will either be a great blessing to us or "thorns in our eyes and pricks in our sides." x We have no time to dally no time for lukewarmness We must be hot. Let us "Arise"!

Shine! and show that "our light has come" and "the glory of the Lord has risen upon us"

In tender love } Lovingly submitted
A. E. Withey, P. E.

The Financial Statement was next made (See Reports at close of Minutes.) After this came the following reports. Trust Fund; Genl. Building Fund; Girl Redemption Fund; Deed and Tax Fund; Dondo Cemetery Fund; Genl. Expense Fund; Barrett Building Fund; Contingent Fund. (See Reports) On motion these reports were received and adopted. The report of Comm on Statistics was read, and the question turned upon the matter of those called "full members" in the report: and after counselling together at some length, on motion the report and amendments offered thereto were layed on the table. On motion Conf. adjourned to meet at 2 p.m. Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Shields.

2 o'clock P.M.

Opening Exercises
Conference was called by the Pres. Elder at the appointed time. Hymn no. 228 was sung, and the Elder read parts of the 14th 15th & 16th chapter of Exodus. There followed a season of prayer. Minutes Approved. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Financial Reports. The Elder then reported verbally concerning two newly created funds as follows. The Pegley Mission Fund of 200 milreis. Loan B. Fund of 300 milreis. He then explained the rise of and necessity for these funds and their use. The report of Conf. and Pres. Elder's Expenses was presented - (See reports at conclusion) which was adopted and ordered to be charged to Contingent Fund instead of to the various stations as formerly. Committee on Publication. The Comms. on Publication then presented the following report which was received & adopted - The Publication Committee have as yet done no printing and consequently no publishing of books; but during the year some revision has been made of hymns never brought out before, and other translations have been made of the hymns of Charles Wesley and others. These have been of the best quality and sense we have yet been able to obtain, and are the work of Bro. H. C. Withey. Not only is our material for publishing increasing, but our understanding in the difficulties to be surmounted: so that so far, we can say we are glad that

the productions generally have had so good an opportunity to stay out in the light and get proved more at the several stations before being generally adopted. As to this year, who knows not what of good it may bring forth. Our hope is in God alone, and as for printing, our Elder is praying for a godly printer. Respectfully submitted, W. P. Dodson, chairman.

Resolution

The following resolution was presented by Bro. Herbert C. Withey which was adopted as follows:— Whereas the field into which we are sent is wide, the work great, and the laborers few and weak; Resolved that throughout the coming year we make it a special object on our regular fast days to pray the Lord of the harvest that he stir up laborers after his own heart and send them forth into his harvest.

Place of next Conference

On motion of Bro. Gordon, Pungo Andongo was selected as the place of meeting of next Conference. The Elder then made some instructive remarks as to the character and responsibilities of a Dist. Conference as indicated in the discipline. After some consideration of our financial situation followed by prayer, Conf. adjourned to meet this evening at 6 o'clock. Bro. Gordon pronounced the benediction.

6 o'clock P.M.

Devotions

The Elder opened Conf. by reading 55th & 56th Psalms, and the 227th hymn was sung, followed by prayer. Bro. Mead made a statement as to the delicate condition of his wife's health, and expressing it as his conviction that he should take a change, desired of the Conf. means to go to America. After some deliberation and mutual conversation, discussing both sides of the subject, the following resolution was offered by Bro. Dodson, and adopted by the Conference: "Resolved, that on hearing Bro. Mead's request for a change to America, we affectionately receive and consider it, and refer it to our Bishop.

Station Regulations

The Elder then read a most valuable paper which he styled "Minutes" which he designed to become a standard for the government of the Angola Mission Stations. He said the paper was not complete, and it was suggested to have it proved in the stations during the coming year, and decisive action taken at the coming Conference. On motion of Bro. Mead it was thankfully received and the Secretary instructed to furnish copies to the various Stations. Minutes of last meeting read & approved. The Elder read the appointments. On motion of Bro. Gordon an appropriation of 400 milreis was made to assist Quessua Station in its household expenses for the ensuing year..

Appointments -

Loanda,	To be supplied.
Dondo,	To be supplied.
Nhangue,	Robt. Shields Supt. Sisters Minnie Mead & Louise Rawn, John H., Willie, Julia & Taylor W. Mead
Quihongoa,	W. P. Dodson Supt., Catherine M. Dodson. Herbert C. Withey Wm. S. Miller.
Pungo Andongo,	To be supplied by John W. Shuett and Mary B. Shuett, their regular appointment being to Ndala Kisũa when the way is providentially open.
Canandua,	Susan Collins.
Malange,	C. W. Gordon Supt.
~~Quéquia~~ Dist., Quessua	including Ndala Kisũa, S. J. Mead, Supt. Ardella K. Mead.

Report of Committee on Conf. & Pres. Elder's Exp.

Whole Amt. of Exp. including transport of different members to Conference and return to their respective Stations	114:311
Pres. Elder's Exp. during Conf.-year	81:624
Total Rs	195:935

C. W. Gordon, Chairman

Contingent Fund

Balance July 16th 1894	. .		522:000
	Receipts		684:670
			1206:670
Outlays -	Travel	282:187	
	Losses	60:954	
	Frt. Ctg. &c	34:327	
	Sundries	49:981	427:449
		Rs	779:221

Balance on hand

Deed and Tax Fund

Balance July 16th. 1894	323.810
Outlay	00.000
Bal. on hand	Ps. 323:810

Adjournment

On motion Conference adjourned to meet subject to the call of the Elder. Bro. Dodson pronounced the benediction.

Amos E. Withey
Presiding Elder
Wm. P. Dodson, Secty.

(Two leaves turned by mistake)

Statement of Finances, Angola Missions.

1895.	Mission Property.					Totals	Income.					Expend.^{re}		Donations.			
	Buildings + Farms.	Merchandise + Cash.	Live Stock	Machinery + Tools.	Furniture		Live Stock	Farm.	Mechanical Industries	Store	Transfer from Station to Stn.	Household	Property Outlay	Expense.	Real Estate	Machinery + Tools.	Furniture
Loanda.	4800.00	683.61		93.93	506.96	6083.90						264.46	5.33				35.96
Dondo.	5402.68	5159.19		295.12	509.13	11366.12				302.36		298.43	168.15				
Nhangue	2171.71	563.15		571.79	296.82	3603.47				159.17		143.53	27.60			5.00	5.48
Quiongoa Barrett Stn.	4085.99	2407.19	960.00	787.50	469.78	8710.46	65.03			565.83	13.95	433.85	622.67	11.90	622.67	66.15	11.84
Pungo.	2386.08	2101.76		172.74	545.07	5205.65				867.94		521.51	83.87		25.00		
Malange.	3280.00	387.28	214.00	559.00	415.00	4855.28			519.74			874.00		Offset of Loss on Live Stock 120.00			
Quéçua Munhall Stn.	750.34	12.00	5.00		30.00	747.34					30.00		683.39		680.82		
			1179.00	2419.48		40622.22	65.03		519.74	1895.30		2535.78					
				For 1894		37464.31											
				Increase,		3157.91											

Trust Fund.

Balance July 16. 1894		7773:330	
Receipts		0.00:000	
Balance on hand Rs.		7773:330	

Genl. Building Fund

Balance July 16. 1894		113:870	
Receipts	00:000		
Outlays	00:000		
Balance on hand Rs.		113:870	

Benj Barrett Building Fund.

Balance July 16. 1894		794:150	
Receipts		761.050	
		1555:200	
Outlays	622:670		
Loss on Exchg.	14.700	637:370	
Balance on hand			Rs. 917:830

Dondo Cemetery Fund

Balance July 16. 1894.		4.000	
Outlays		.000	
Balance on hand			Rs. 4:000

General Expense Fund.

Balance July 16. 1894		42.140	
Outlay		1.800	
Balance on hand			Rs. 40:340

Girl Redemption Fund.

Balance July 16. 1894		129.000	
Outlay		5.000	
Balance on hand			Rs. 124.000

Angola Missions, Thirteenth Annual Meeting

Quiongoa, May 5th 1896. Tuesday

Change of Place

Members present

Conference was appointed to be held in Pungo Andongo, but at the instance of the Pres. Elder, and by common consent, it was determined to meet at Quiongoa. Meeting was called by the Elder at 3 o'clock P.M. Members present:- Pres. Elder Rev. Amos E. Withey, Revs. C. W. Gordon, Robt. Shields, Wm S. Miller, Herbert C. Withey, and W. P. Dodson, and Sisters Irene F. Withey, Catherine M. Dodson, Jennie M. Gordon, Louise Shields, Mary B. Shuett, Susan Collins,

Opening Exercises

Secretary & Committees

Conf. Program

The 485th hymn was sung, followed by reading various passages from the prophet Joel, especially those that refered to a solemn assembly, which for various reasons it seems evident this Conference should be. To this the Pres. Elder made suitable reference and followed it by prayer, after which prayer was offered by Bros. Dodson and Gordon. Bro. Dodson was chosen Secretary, and the following committees appointed. Comm on Religious & Literary Exercises, Bros. H. C. Withey, Gordon & Shields. Comm on Miscellaneous Business, Bros. H. C. Withey, Dodson & Gordon. Comm on Statistics, Bros H. C. Withey, Shields & Gordon. The following general Conf. program was adopted. Arise at 4 A.M. Devotional meeting from 4.30 to 6 A.M. Afternoon session at 3. p.m. The 484th hymn was sung. Conf. adjourned, and the benediction was pronounced by Bro. Gordon.

Wednesday May 6th 3. p. m. 1896

Devotional

Conference met at the appointed hour. The 801st hymn of the Wesleyan collection was read. The Pres. Elder read the glorious description of the Saviour given by St. John in the first chapter of the Revelation; also from the 2nd chapter, the message to the Church at Ephesus. Mr. Wesley's exegesis of the 13th Chap. of 1st Corinthians found in his sermon no XXII was also read, and a selection from Mr. Fletcher bearing on the same subject. All then knelt in prayer, and the Spirit of grace and of supplication was present, the prominent desire being that the divine purpose in recent providential dispensation and in our present assembly might be fully realized.

Our Sister Dodson who is at present seriously ill, was especially remembered in prayer. Minutes approved Bro. Dodson not being able to attend except for a few moments, Bro. H. C. Withey was chosen Secretary pro. tem. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and after corrections approved. On motion Conf. adjourned. Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Shields.

(Thursday May 7th 3 P.M. 1896.

Conference opened with singing the 803rd hymn beginning: "Away with unbelieving fear" The Elder then read and applied portions of Scripture from the Gospel of Luke and the Acts going to show the indefiniteness and disposition to deal in generalities, characteristic of the majority of God's people of that age, contrasted with the pointed earnestness and singleness of aim as seen in the Apostolic Church after the pentecost. This was followed by a season of prayer after which minutes were approved and Conf. adjourned.

Friday May 8th 3 P.M. 1896

The 466th hymn beginning: "Pure baptismal fire divine" was sung. The Elder then said he desired to present two pictures from God's word: one, of the symmetrical lively, fervent Christian character set forth by St. Peter in his second epistle, 1st chap., and the other of a "run down", "ready to die" state of soul, church or nation described in the 17th chap. of Second Kings. After some application of the lesson followed a season of prayer The records of yesterday were read and approved. The Comm on Rel. and Lit. Exercises then reported the following program for services on the approaching Sabbath. Preaching in English at 4.30 A.M. by the Pres. Elder. Preaching in Kimbundu at 9.30 A.M. by Bro. Robert Shields. Sabbath School at 2.30 P.M. as usual conducted by Bro. Dodson. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 6: P.M.

The report was adopted. On motion it was farther ordered that on the morrow (our usual rest day) we meet at 9 A.M. for a reading of one of Mr Wesley's sermons, instead of ~~instead of~~ the 4.30 A.M devotional service, and that a class-meeting be held in place of the usual session of Conference at 3 P.M. On motion Conf. adjourned. The benediction was pronounced by the Elder.

Monday May 11th 3 P.M. 1896.

The services of Saturday and the Sabbath were conducted according to the program, except that Bro. W. P. Dodson was disabled by sickness from taking his turn. The class-meeting was a profitable season, The sermon on Sabbath morning was from Eph. V. 26. 27. and all hearts were searched and quickened by the truth. Today Conf. met at the appointed time. Our number was increased by one, Br. Wm. S. Miller who arrived on Saturday noon from Malange. Brother and Sister Dodson were still unable to attend. The opening hymn was that commencing: "Come thou all inspiring Spirit. The Elder continued the reading from the 2nd Epistle of St. Peter with Wesley's Notes. After prayer, the minutes of Friday were read and approved. On motion Conf. adjourned. Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Miller.

Tuesday May 12th 1896.

No regular session.

Wednesday May 13th 1896. 3. P.M.

The 527th hymn was sung beginning:-

"Come, wisdom, power and grace divine
Come Jesus, in thy name to join
A happy chosen band".

The Pres. Elder then read Mr. Wesley's impressive sermon upon "The heart of man is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked - who can know it?" After the sermon prayer followed, participated in in a fervent manner by a number. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. On motion meeting adjourned. Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Dodson.

Thursday May 14th.

The Elder opened the meeting by reading selections from the sermon on "Justification by faith". The 115th hymn was then sung. The Elder then read from the sermon entitled "The way to the Kingdom". A season of waiting on the Lord followed, and the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. A communication from Malange Station was then read as follows: "Beloved, Greeting. While you are gathered together in the name of the Lord, I
"ask your prayers for me and my wife, that the remainder of our life on earth may
"a living testimony of the death and resurrection of our Blessed Lord and the incoming
"of the Holy Ghost. I pray my Lord may count me worthy to meet with you at your annual
"gathering if my life is spared another year. In love and much prayer for you, I remain
"your brother, Saml. J. Mead". Sister Minnie asks for your prayers for herself and family
"as they unite in prayer & love to you all". On motion it was received, and Bro. A. E. Withey,
C. W. Gordon, Robt. Shields, Wm. S. Miller, and H. C. Withey were constituted a committee to make

reply. By an amendment of Bro. Shields, Bro. Dodson was included in the Committee. The Elder then reread that clause of previous sermon referring to suitable affections toward God. On motion meeting adjourned. Bro. Shields pronounced the Benediction.

Friday May 15th 1896. 3. A.M.

The 811th hymn was sung, followed by the sermon upon "Sin in believers", and a season of solemn and impressive prayer. The Comm on Religious & Literary Exercises reported the following order of services for the Lord's Day May 17th: Preaching in English at 4.30 A.M. by the Pres. Elder. Preaching in Kimbundu at 9.30 A.M. by Bro. Wm. S. Miller: Sabbath School at 2.30 p.m. conducted by Bro. Dodson. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 6 p.m. We recommend that tomorrow our meeting be the same as on last Saturday. The class-meeting at 3 P.M., to be led by Bro. Dodson. Meeting adjourned. The benediction was pronounced by Bro. Gordon.

Monday May 18th 1896. 3 P.M.

The 145th & 812th hymns were sung, after which the Elder offered fervent prayer. He then read Mr. Wesley's sermon upon the subject "The first fruit of the Spirit." A season of prayer and supplication followed. Minutes of Thursday & Friday were read and approved. On motion Conf. adjourned and the benediction was pronounced by Bro. Dodson.

Tuesday May 19th 3 P.M.

The 815th hymn was sung. The Elder then offered prayer and proceeded to read the sermon upon the spirit of bondage and the spirit of adoption. After prayer, the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The Elder made earnest exhortation that we all give heed to yield to every motion of the Holy Spirit who, he believed, is working in our midst as fast as he can. He desired no soul left behind, referring to the coming out of Egypt, "not a hoof was left behind". Conf. then adjourned & Bro. Miller pronounced the benediction.

Wednesday May 20th.

The Elder read the 4th chap. of the Epistle to the Hebrews and commented upon it. The 816th hymn was sung, followed by waiting upon the Lord. Conf. then adjourned, and the benediction was pronounced by Bro. Gordon.

Thursday May 21st. 3. P.M.

Our Presiding Elder having been taken with fever, appointed Bro. Gordon to preside. The 817th hymn was sung, after which Bro. Gordon read the sermon upon "The righteousness of Faith". This was followed by waiting upon the Lord, after which, the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Meeting adjourned, & Bro Shields pronounced the benediction.

Friday May 22nd. 3 P.M.

The 550th hymn was sung, after which Bro. Gordon read the sermon upon "The Witness of the Spirit". (first discourse) A precious season of prayer followed, after which the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Committee on Religious and Literary Exercises presented the following program for Saturday and the Sabbath. Sabbath morning 4:30. preaching by the Elder. Preaching at 9.30 in Kimberlin by Bro. C. W. Gordon. S. School at 2.30 p.m. led by Bro. W P Dodson. Renewing of the Covenant at 6. p.m. led, by the Pres. Elder. For Saturday 9. A.M., reading from Wesley's Sermons. 3 P.M., class meeting led by Bro. W. P. Dodson. On motion meeting adjourn Bro. Dodson pronounced the benediction.

Monday May 25th. – 2½ O'clock P.M.

The services of Saturday were held as appointed; but the Sabbath Services were all consumed in the all day prayer service, the first session of which continued from 4½ A.M. to 11½. The second session began at 1½ o'clock and continued within an hour of the Covenant meeting of the evening which was held according to appointment. At these meetings, and especially the early one, we were the recipients of great blessing, one witnessing to justification and several others to entire sanctification, and all upbuilt. The meeting of this date began by singing the 92nd. hymn, followed by the reading of the sermon upon "The wilderness State". This was read by our dear Elder, Brother Withey, who was on yesterday restored to us from a bed of sickness. The prayers that followed the sermon revealed the fact that many had been instructed searched, and much blessed. The hymn was sung beginning "Father live by all things feared" followed by prayer after which Bro. Gordon pronounced the benediction.

Tuesday May 26th 2½ o'clock P.M.

Hymns no. 307, 308 & no. 84 were sung, and the Elder read the sermon upon "Beloved an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile". It was blessed to our good, and a profitable waiting upon God followed. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Conference adjourned, the doxology was sung, and the Elder pronounced the benediction.

Wednesday May 27th

The 650th & 85th hymns were sung followed by the reading of sermon no. 138 "On the Holy Spirit" - a glorious sermon, and one to be deeply pondered, to be deeply grateful for & profited by. After prayer, participated in as usual by several members, Conference adjourned and Bro. Shields pronounced the benediction.

Thursday May 28th

The 253rd and 456th hymns were heartily sung, and the Elder continued reading from Vol. 2. of Wesley's Sermons, his selection today being that upon "Spiritual Idolatry". Waiting upon God followed, and the benediction by Bro. Herbert C. Withey.

Friday May 29th.

The 255th & 458th hymns were sung successively, after which the Elder read sermon no. 88 on Patience. A season of searching prayer followed. The Comm on Religious and Literary Exercises presented the following report: The Com. on Rel. & Lit. Ex. recommend that the services on the morrow and the ensuing Lord's Day be conducted as follows:- Reading at 9.30 A.M. of Mr. Wesley's Sermon on the difference between walking by faith and walking by sight. Class-meeting at 3 P.M. led by the P. Elder. Preaching at 4.30 A.M. by the Pres. Elder. Preaching at 9.30 in Kimbunda by Bro. Gordon. Sabbath School at 2.30 P.M. conducted by Bro. Dodson. Devotional Services at 6. p.m. Meeting then adjourned Bro. Miller pronounced the benediction.

Monday June 1st

This was a very impressive service. The hymns no. 770 & 768 relating to the Spirit & the Sermon, that upon "Grieving the Holy Spirit". During and after the prayer, reflection seemed too deep for utterance. In this frame of mind Conf. adjourned. The benediction was pronounced by Bro. Herbert C. Withey.

Tuesday June 2nd

The 38th and 85th hymns were sung followed by sermon no. 82 on "Spiritual Worship". After reading this sermon, the Pres. Elder led in prayer a very earnest and impressive one, which increased to supplication for God's everlasting blessing upon his little church. Arising from prayer, a proposition was made for considerati concerning a change in the present division of our time as follows:- Early mornin meeting as usual - breakfast at 8 o'clock - a plate of soup taken informally at 11 Dinner at 2 p.m. Conf. session at 4 p.m. Bro. Shields then moved that we adopt the Elder's suggestion. Seconded by Sister Withey and unanimously adopted. Confere adjourned. Benediction pronounced by Bro. Shields.

Wednesday June 3rd 4. P.M.

Hymns no. 75 and 512 were sung, and the Elder read a selection upon "Meditation" from "The Saints' Everlasting Rest by Mr. Baxter, found among that collection "The Christian Library" which Mr. Wesley at such cost and labor prepared for the people called Methodists. After prayer by three of the brethren, the minutes of last meeting were read, and after some alteration in the wording were adopted. Conf. adjourn & Bro. Miller pronounced the benediction.

Thursday June 4th 4 P.M.

Hymns no 242 & 526 were sung, and the Pres. Elder continued the reading upon "Meditation begun in yesterday's session, and with the same good effect. After a sea of prayer lasting somewhat later than usual, Conf. adjourned, and the Pres. Elder pronounced the benediction.

Friday June 5th 4. p.m.

Hymns no. 488 & 370 were sung, and the Pres. Elder continued the reading upon "Medita and the hindrances therein". After prayer, the Comm. presented the following report. The Comm. on Religious & Literary Exercises recommend the following order for servic on Saturday and Lord's Day June 6th & 7th "Conference of the brethren only at 8 A.M. The sisters to meet as usual to read one of Mr. Wesley's sermons at 9 A.M. Class meeting at 4 p.m., led by Bro. Dodson. Preaching in English on the Sabbath by the P.E., at 4 p.m. Preaching in Kimbundu at 9.30 A.M. by Bro. H. C. Withey. Sabbath School at 2.30 conducted by Bro. Dodson. Devotional Services at 6. p.m. Conf. adjourned & the benediction was pronounced by Bro. Miller.

Meetings for Improvement of Spiritual Life

) The meetings throughout the intervening weeks have been seasons of prayer, searching of the Scriptures and godly instruction calculated to deepen our spiritual life. The sessions have been somewhat interrupted by the serious sickness of several of our members.

Monday June 8th

Opening Services

Today ~~which completes five weeks~~ conf. assembled at 4. p.m. Hymns 575 & 528 were sung after which the Pres. Elder read from 1st & 2nd Timothy in connection with some impressive notes by Mr. Wesley which was followed by prayer.

The next business in order being the receiving of reports, the Presiding Elder presented the following:-

Presiding Elder's Report.

May 5. 1896.

The District Conference of Angola being called two or three months earlier than usual is because of various providential indications that such is the order of the Lord and your Elder is not without convictions that this month is the best month of the year for our Conferences permanently. I trust it will be duly considered. As it is impossible to complete and present our financial exhibit for the last ten months at such short notice, as could only be given of this assembling, it will be necessary for Conf. to appoint a competent number of brethren to receive and audit all accts. pertaining thereto with authority to issue the same as the voice authority of this body. By letter of Oct. 26. 1895 the honored M. E. Bishop of Africa authorizes the division of the District of Angola into two districts, the boundary line being probably the Lombe River. All east of that river is hence now known as East Angola Dist., of which Rev. S. J. Mead is Presiding Elder. The remainder of the old district remains under its former name and eldership. Concerning finances, his letter said: "Beyond the funds appropriated for the Munhall & Pegly Stations he would not probably draw upon the Trust Fund." That however will remain an open question for further consideration". It was judged that this implied the transfer of whatever funds were in the hands of Angola Dist. Agent pertaining to Munhall and Pegly funds: and accordingly they have been transferd as follows:-

	Pegly Fund	200$000	200$000
	Bal. of Munhall Fund		457.048
Also	Conf. appropriation of 1895 for support of Munhall Station		400.000

Of the Angola Trust Fund the following amts. were found to be in Malange Station at the close of business in former year. Viz:-

July 16. 1892	Reis	1196$297
" 16. 1893		873.728
" 17. 1894		1572.944
" 17. 1895		1313.337

Of course, as soon as notice of the division of the District was received, old accts. were closed, and there was then found to be in the new District of the Trust Fund Reis 633$561.

To carry out literally the only suggestion given by the Bishop concerning this balance would make it necessary for said amount 633$561 to be returned to Angola District by East Angola Agent, which of course is an impossibility, knowing as we do their straightened condition financially. Hence this must either be represented as a debt to Angola District, or be transfered to East Angola District as a part of the original Angola Trust Fund which is (and has been) in that section for years. Of the two, the latter course seems most equitable, and accordingly it is thus adjusted, and a division of the original Trust Fund is thus made, making a balance of 7139$775 remaining to us as the present Angola Trust Fund.

The sum of all these transfers is 1690$609, but comparing this with the balance that was in Malange Station July 17. 1895 viz. 1313$337, it makes an actual transfer of but 377$272; but even this amount with our former limited capital has produced a stringency in our district which it has required much patience to be resigned to, but has, no doubt, been good for our souls.

But this is not the only reason for our shortage in funds. We are still struggling between a cash and credit system of administration. Last year, through a reasonable anticipation of income, large purchases were made on credit, and at the maturing of those debts, we were in another of those crises which have nearly proved our ruin financially. To meet it, your Agent saw no way but to postpone

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debt by further credit, and to gain time to turn ourselves, made drafts upon our U.S. treasurer, promising to hypothecate our "generos" to meet two thirds of the amount of those drafts, which arrangement has been carried out as nearly as your Agent has been able to (but it was not a very pleasant plan, and involved the resignation of Treas. Smith who would not stand in the gap. But thanks be to God, he put grace into the heart of Treas. Ross Taylor who re-assumed the position & stood nobly by us accepting our drafts, and thus saving our good credit from utter ruin. If we do not want to use credit, it is still very essential to maintain it if we wish to obtain the lowest prices. We must therefore be willing to face a limited stock of goods or be in continual danger of coming to a financial crash. But I find a deep conviction down in my heart that the Lord loves us too much to let us have ample capital for all the business we might do, lest, as has been the rule, we be swallowed up with too much prosperity. The shortest road to increase of capital that your Agent knows of, is to give ourselves to seeking the riches of that deep mine "Love Divine". "Above all things have fervent love among yourselves". "My soul wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from him". That faithful covenant: "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added to you" is the right basis for our conduct. The huguenots always flourished in grace when under distress. Under prosperity & favor, they languished. This is the lesson of history. If we would make a condition of safety in prosperity, we must be holy and humble, watching in all things.)

It was my sad duty to assist in committing to the dust the remains of our lamented Brother John W. Shuett who died of gastric fever at Nhangue a Pepo, Apl. 20th last. Bro. Shuett was born in Germany and reared in the United States, his parents now residing in Covington, Kentucky. He was 35 years of age. He was awakened from sin about 7 years ago, but seemed to mistake a reformation of life for regeneration. When nearing eternity he found it necessary to plead as the "dying thief". His testimony was: "He saves my soul." "Yes, I have saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ". We remember with pleasure the willing mind with which he entered upon his labors at the three stations where he spent his term of nearly two years among us.

It hath pleased the Lord to remove from our midst also Wesley Fletcher Shields who fell asleep after a short intense fever at Pungo Andongo March 9th aged 3 years, 4 months and 9 days. He thus joins his mother in Paradise after 9 months separation (saying "Wesley is going to Jesus." "Jesus loves Wesley". He mingles with those dear saints above for whom he was named, while we are still blessed below through their godly writings.)

No new missionaries have arrived this year. We are now a small company and the providences seem to point to a concentration of our little forces for the coming year. It seems certainly applicable to us that "A small farm well tilled is better than a small one slighted.

With gratitude to God for all his mercies that crown our lives, let us watch to "fulfill all righteousness" and "finish our course with joy".

A. E. Withey, P.E.

This report was received by the Conf. by rising and singing the doxology. Conference Expenses Bro. Gordon moved that Conf. and Pres. Elders Expenses for past Conf. year be charged to the Contingent Fund. It was so ordered. Time of Conference The season for the meeting of Conference was considered, and the general opinion seemed to prevail that this at which we have met this year, namely at the beginning rather than the end of the dry season is preferable. Place of next meeting On motion of Bro. Shields, Quihongoa was selected as the place of next Annual meeting. Committee on Publication On motion of Bro. Miller the Com. on Publication was continued as usual. Station Regulations The paper containing regulations for the government of our stations ~~stated [illegible]~~ presented by the Pres. Elder last year, on motion were ~~placed~~ refered again for consideration another year, then to be definitely considered at next annual meeting.

Appointments. The ~~following~~ appointment were then presented by the Pres. Elder:—
(See Appointments)

Appointments.

In view of the smallness of our number, and various considerations that indicate a necessity for concentration, no appointments will be made this year for Loanda, Dondo & Nhangue-a-Pepo Stations.

Quihongoa	W. P. Dodson & wife.
	C. W. Gordon & wife.
	H. C. Withey.
	Wm. S. Miller.
	Irene F. Withey,
Pungo Andongo	Robert Shields & wife.
	Mary B. Shuett.
Canandua	Susan Collins.

A. E. Withey, P.E.

Approval of Minutes. Minutes of last & present meeting were read and approved. Adjournment. On motion of Bro. Miller, Conf. adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary. The following doxology was sung:—

"Father live by all things feared,
"Live the Son alike revered,
"Equally be thou adored
"Holy Ghost, Eternal Lord" &c

The Pres. Elder pronounced the benediction.

Adjourned Special Session
District Conference of Angola Missions
Quihongoa, Saturday Mch. 27. 1897. 4. P.M.

Special Session. According to the terms of adjournment of last session, Conference convened by the call of the Secretary as appointed by the Pres. Elder on Sat. Mar. 27. 1897. 4 P.M. Pres. Elder Rev. A. E. Withey presiding.

Members Present

Members present:- Bros. Robt. Shields, John Mead, Herbert C. Withey, Wm. S. Miller & W. P. Dodson

Rearrangement of accounts

The Pres. Elder presented certain matters of general interest, looking to greater simplicity in the representation of our business matters, which led to motion by Bro. Miller that the amount represented by the Deed and Tax Fund, Girl Redemption Fund, Loanda Land Sale & Loan Bldg. Fund be transfered to the credit of the New York Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Dodson & unanimously carried. On motion meeting adjourned.

Evening session.

Business Matters

The following preamble and resolutions were then unanimously adopted:- "Whereas the proposition of Bishop Taylor to the Conf. of 1891 contains an ambiguous statement concerning the disposal of the annual surplus of profits of each Mission Station; therefore resolved:- That our understanding of that proposition was, that it refered to the collective surplus of all the Stations after any unavoidable Station deficiency, if any arose, had been provided for therefrom, and not as though each individual Station turned in its separate surplus.

Resolved, that this be our mode of proceeding in future.

Resolved, that in fulfillment of the above, the Financial Agent of our Angola Missions be authorized to receive into the Contingent Fund the surplus of income from each Station, & to pay from said Surplus the unavoidable deficiency of any Station, or from the Contingent Fund itself if the Collective Surplus is insufficient.

Bro. Miller moved that Brothers Withey & Dodson be constituted a Committee to consider whether our business interests can be arranged on a basis more conformable to portuguese law, said Committee to present to the Congo Mission Conference the result of their investigation. The motion was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Bro. Herbert C. Withey the above Committee were recommended to consider the feasibility of connection being established with the Rail-Road Terminus and a withdrawal from Dondo, and report to the Bishop on his arrival.

Adjournment.
On motion of Bro. Shields, Conf. adjourned subject to the call of the Secty.

The benediction was pronounced by Bro. Shields.

Amos E. Withey
Presiding Elder.
Wm. P. Dodson, Secty.

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Ordinations in Angola by Bishop Wm Taylor.

Place	Year	date	Office	person ordained	Remarks
Loanda	1885	Sabbath May 3	Deacon	Amos E. Withey	11 a.m.
Loanda	1885	" " 3	Elder	Amos E. Withey	4 p.m.

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Roll call for daily prayers at 5 P & A.M.

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Wm Taylor.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
Joseph Wilkes.	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
Ross Taylor.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	e	e	e	p
Clarence L. Davenport.	p	p	p	p	p	e	p	p	p	p	p
Levin Johnson.	p	p	e	e	e	"	e	p	e	e	e
Wm R. Summers. (M.D.)	D.	d	d					p		-	·
Amos E. Withey.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
Levi D. Johnson (M.D.)	p	e.	e	e	p	p	p	·	·	·	p
Heli Chatelaine.	e+	p	e	e	e	e	e	B	·	·	·
Mrs Emily Mary Wilkes.	e.	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
" " Ada Ellen Taylor.	e.	p	e	e	p.	p	p	e	e	e	e
Samuel J. Mead.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
Mrs Ardella K. "	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
" Irene Withey.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
Wm H. Mead.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
Mrs Minnie Mead.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
George B. Mackey.	p	p	p	e	p	e	p	p	p	p	p
Mrs Mary R. Myers Davenport (M.D.)		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
Wm P. Dodson.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
Chas W. Gordon.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	e
" L. Miller.	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
" Murray McLean.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
" H. Ratcliffe.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
" G. Rudolph.	p	p	e	e	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
J. Albert Arthur.	p	p	p	p	p	p	e	e	p	p	p
Miss Nellie Mead.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
Edna "	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
Bertha "	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
John "	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
Samuel "	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
Millie "	p	-	p	·	·	p	·		p	p	p
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Roll Call for Daily Prayers at 5½ o'clock A. M.

April. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19.§ 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30.° May. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.+ 11. 12. 13. 14. 15

Name	April 11 – May 15
William Taylor.	B P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P
Joseph Wilkes.	P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P
Ross Taylor.	E E E E E E E . . . . E Returned home.
Clarence L. Davenport.	P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P E P E E E P P
Levin Johnson.	E E E E E P . P P P P P E P P P E P P E P P E P E E P P E E E E E E E
Wm. R. Summers. (M. D.)	B . . . . P . . . . P P P P P P E E E E E E E E
Amos E. Withey	P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P
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Heli Chatelaine.	B P E P P . . . E E E E E E E E E E Sick
Mrs. Emily Mary Wilkes.	P P P E P P E P P P E P E P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P
" Ada Ellen Taylor.	E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E P Returned home
" Saml. J. Mead.	E E E E P P P P P P P P P P P P E P E P P P P P P P P E P P P P P P P P
Mrs. Ardella R. Mead.	E E E E E P P P P P P P P P P P E P E P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P
" Irene Withey	P P P P P P P P P P E P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P E P P P P P P P P
Wm. H. Mead.	B E P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P
Mrs. Minnie Mead.	E E E E E E E P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P E P P P P P P P
George B. Mackey	E E P E E E E . E E E E E E E E E E Returned home sick
Mrs. Mary R. Myers Davenport (M.D.)	P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P E E E E E E E E E E E
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Charles A. Ratcliffe.	P P P P E E P P P P P P E P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P
Charles G. Rudolph.	P . . P P . . . P P E E E E E E E E E E P E P P E E sick
Albert Arthur.	B . . . . P . E
Miss Nellie Mead.	P . P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P E P P P P P P P P
Edna Mead.	P . E . P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P E P P P P P P
Bertha Mead.	E . P P P P P P P E P P P E P P P P P P P P P E P P P P P P P P P P P
John Mead.	E . P . P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P
Samuel Mead.	E . E . . P . . P P P P E P E P P P P P P P P P P P P P E E P E E P P
Willie Mead.	E . . . P . P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P . P P P E E P E E E E
Julia Mead.	E . . . . . P P . P P P P P P P P P E P E P P . E E P P P E P P E
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Lottie M. Withey.	P P . P P P P P P P P P P P P E P P P P P P E P P E P P P P E P E
Flossie S. Withey.	P P E P P P P P P P P P P E P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P
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Arthur Taylor.	" "
Hattie Taylor.	" "
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Miss Delia Rees.	Sick — old chronic disease not African f—

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× Massmeeting.

§ Dist Conf.

+ Love feast & Sac.

St. Paul de Loanda, Angola, W. C. Africa.

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To Mossamedes Ret'd 11th. . P . . P . Ret'd to U.S.A. June 26th

Went to Hospital — Ret'd 10th June. . To Mossamedes Remained at Benguela on return trip.

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Ret'd home sick June 26th

7. + Took steamer for Dondo, en route to the interior

Roll Call Continued

Bishop Wm Taylor 1885 July		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Heli Chatelaine	At Benguella																	Returned 26th.								P	
Clarence L. Davenport	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ε	P	P	P	P	P		P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Mrs. Mary R. M. Davenport		P	P	P	P	P	P	ε	P	P		P	P						P			ε	ε					
Chas. W. Gordon		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	,	P	P	P	P	Px													
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Edna M. Mead	P				P	P	P		P			P	P	P	P	P		P		P		P		P	P	P		P
John H. Mead	P				P			P				P	P		P				P							P		P
L. Samuel Mead	P					P		P			P	P	P		ε	P			P	P					P	P		P
Willie J. Mead	ε	ε	ε	ε	P	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε	P	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε	P	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε	P	ε	ε
Julia Mead	ε	ε	ε	ε	P	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε	P	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε	P	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε
Chas. A. Ratcliffe	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mrs Emily M. Wilkes	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Agnes Wilkes	P	P	ε	ε	ε	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ε	ε
A. Edwin Withey	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Irene F. Withey	ε	ε	ε	ε	P	P	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε	P	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε	ε	P	ε	P	ε	ε	P	ε	P	P	P
Herbert C. Withey	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Estella Withey	ε	ε	ε	P	ε	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
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× Left for Interior overland to Bom-Jesus thence by Steamer to Dondo to arrange carriers for remainder of Expedition, after faithful Stewardship among us. + Joined party again at "Mouth of the Coanza"

⊗ Left Loanda for Interior at 5 P.M. by Steamer "Cunga"

✱ " Nhangue Pepe for Malange

◊ " " " Pungo Andongo

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Roll Call Continued – Nhangue Pepe – October

September	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bishop Wm Taylor																p	p													
W. P. Dodson	p	Libollo Country						p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p
W. H. Mead	p	p	p	p	E	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	E	p	p	p	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Minnie Mead	p	p		E	E	p	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	p	p	p	E	p	p	E	E	p	p	p	p	p	p
Nellie Mead	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
Edna "	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	E	E	p	p	p	p	p	E	E	E	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
John "	p	p	p	E	p	E	p	p	E	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
Samuel "	p	p	p	E	p	p	p	p	p	p		E	p	p	p	p	p	p	E	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	E	p	p
Willie "	p	p	p	E	E	E	E	E	E	p		E	E	E	E	E	E	p	p	E	p	E	E	E	E	E	p	p	p	p
Julia "	p			E	E	p	E	E	E	E	p	E	p	p	[illegible]	p	p	p	p	E	p	p	E	E	E	p	p	p	p	p
C. G. Rudolph	p	p	p	p	p		p	p		p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	a	p		p		p		p
A. E. Withey	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	E	E	E	p	p	p	p	p	p
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M. Estella "	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	E	E	E	E	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
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Flossie S. "	p	p	p	E	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
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Antonia		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	a						
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Franceese				p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	a	p	p	p	p	p	p
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W. H. Mead	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
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C. G. Rudolph	P	P	E	P	E	E	E	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
G. E. Withey	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
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Philip	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P		P			P		P		P	P		P	P	P				P	P	P
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W. H. Mead	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	E	E
Minnie Mead	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	P	E	P	E	E	E
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Willie "	P	E	P	E	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
Julia "	E	E	E	P	P	P	E	E	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	P	E	E
C. G. Rudolph	P	E	E	E	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	E			Left Nhangue to work for															
A. E. Withey	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
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M. Stella "	E	E	[illegible]	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Lottie M "	E	E	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	E	E	E	E	P	P	P
Flossie "	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P
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Affonso at Cassingo Monday April 19th 1886

Left for O. a & Malange April 15th

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Minnie "	E	P	P	P	E	P	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
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M. Stella "			In Pungo Andongo Visiting Bro. Wilks family																									
Lottie M. "	P	E	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Flossie "	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	P	P	P	P	P
Antonio	P	P	P	P	P	E				P	P	P	P						P	P		P						
Phillip	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P
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Magady	P	P	At farm									P																
C. W. Gordon	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
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Mrs "	P	P	E	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	S	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Nellie	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Fun	P	P	S	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Edna	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
John	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Ca	P	P	P	P	P
Samuel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	S	S	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Willie	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Julia	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	S	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	S	P	P	
A. E. Withey	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	S	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
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Francisco Domingo																															
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Dr Clark Smith	Arrived at Nhangue Friday noon July 2d.		P	P	P	P	P	P	Left for Malange																						
Mrs " "			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	F	SP	S	P	S	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Edward "			P	E	P	P	P	E	E	S	P	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	P	P	P	S	P	P	Co.	P	P	P	P	P
May "			P	P	E	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	S	P	P	S	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	C
Grace "			P	P	P	P	P	E	S	P	P	P	P	P	P	F	S	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
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Bro. Davenport	} On way from P.A. to Dondo.														P																P
Sister Wilks															P	Retd Aug 2															P
Bro. J. J. M.																															P

S. J. Mead

Mrs. Ardella Mead.

Albertha Mead.

August 1886 2. P.M.

Sept

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P P P P Accompanied Smith family to Malange, returns to P. Andongo until Jany., then returns to Dondo.

Left for Malange Aug. 3rd

Went to farm

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Sept 1886	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3
W. P. Dodson					P							P							P							
W. H. Mead					P							P							P							P
Mrs " "					P							P							P							P
Nellie "												P							P							P
Edna "				.	P							P							P							P
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Samuel "				.	P							P							P							P
Willie "				.	P							P							P							P
Julia "				.	P							P							P							P
A. E. Withey				.	P							P							P							P
J. F. Withey				.	P							P							P							P
Bertie C. "				.	P							P							P							P
M. Stella				.	P							P							P							P
Lottie May				.	P							P							P							E
Flossie				.	P							P							P							P
C. W. Gordon				.	P							P							P							P
Dr Clark Smith																			P							
May "																			P							
Edward "																			P							
Jessie "																			P							
Grace "																			P							

In charge of industrial school at farm.
On Aug 17th Commenced to have morning &
Evening prayers separate. Roll call at
Class meeting Sunday mornings only

Bro preached today

Bro Dodson preached today

Bro Gordon preached today

Dr Smith & family arrived at Nhangue
Saturday Sept 26th & remained over the Sabbath
Monday morning they left for Dondo & Loanda
en route for America

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Marriages Continued

William Patterson Dodson of Easton maryland U.S.A. and Catharine M. McKenzie of Belle Creek. Prince Edward Island were united in Holy Matrimony. in the Chapel at Quihongoa - Pungo Andongo - Angola - on Wednesday July 26 1893 at 4 o'clock P.M. in the presence of a congregation. consisting mostly of natives. who were served, (at the mission). with a simple lunch of bread and coffee which was served to them by the humble bridegroom and his bride. Jesus was indeed present at the feast. marriage ceremony was performed by me

Amos E. Withey
Presiding Elder - Angola District

Charles William Gordon of Lynn Mass. U.S.A. and Jennie May Taylor of Mechanicsville. Pennsylvania U.S.A. daughter of Rev. Andrew E. Taylor of the Central Pennsylvania Conference were united in Holy Matrimony. in the chapel at Dondo on Lord's Day Jany. 12 1896. during the a.m. service, by me

Amos E. Withey P.E.
Angola District.

Robert Shields of Newry, Ireland, and Louise Raven of Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., were united in Holy Matrimony by me at Ahangue-a-Pepo, township of Dondo, Province of Angola on the 10th of November 1895, at 9.30 A.M. in the Mission Chapel, in the presence of witnesses.

William P. Dodson,
Minister of the Gospel.

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Malange Station a/c with Dondo Station

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	" Amt of Appropriation for maintenance of Quessua Station during coming year		400.000
9	" Dft payable to Cerveira Pereira & Co		60.000
	" "		60.000
10	" "		60.000
15	" 2 dfts "		90.000
	" 1 " " [illegible] & Co		150.000
	" 1 " " [illegible] & Co		60.000
	" Cash by [illegible]		100.700
	" Invoice No 1		31.280
	" " " 2		54.820
	" " " 3		8.140
	" " " 3½		2.880
	" Balance of Appropriation for Munhall Mission		407.048
	To Balance of P. W. [illegible] a/c against Malange Station	2142.067	
	" Invoice No 1	20.357	
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Jennie Peck Dodson born Madison Township
near Wyoming Iowa:
Feby. 17 1866.

Susan Collins Edwardsville Ill. July 3 1851

Saylor W. Mead born at Malange Angola Mch 15 1888

Resolved 1st That women should have full liberty by common consent or by written licence, to proclaim a risen Saviour when manifestly ~~endowed with the~~ filled with the prophetic Spirit, foretold by Joel.

Resolved 2nd That as ordaination pertaining to the teaching and administrative functions of Bishops and deacons a responsibility not imposed upon woman by scripture authority. Women are therefore not eligable to ordaination, but in common with the whole body of believers, regardless of sex are required to be subject to the administration of the church.
The Spirit of the preaching prophets is subject to the ruling prophets.

Names of children baptised at Mintemma by Bishop Taylor Sunday Sept 8/94

1 Valle Antonio Francisca Chaviel
12 yrs Padrinho = Franc. Ant. Chaviel
Madrinha - Maria de Conceicao

2 Ellena João Goncalves Viera Dias
8 Padrinho - João Goncalves Viera Dias
Madrinha - Prudencia Luiz.

Christova Franc. Ant. Chaviel
10 years Padrinho - João Goncalves Viera Dias
3 Madrinha - Prudencia Luiz

Goncalves Franc. Ant. Chaviel
4 years Padrinho - João Goncalves Viera Dias
4) Madrinha Prudencia Luiz

Domingos Franc. Ant. Chaviel
1½ years Padrinho João &c
5 Madrinha Prudencia

Francisca Ant.a Chaviel
41 years Padrinho mesma
Madrinha "

Camp Mtgs
July 10 – Clear Lake.
" 22 – Loveland.
Aug 1-4 Chitauqua.
July 29 – Douglass.
Aug 1-10 Yarmouth.
" 7 – Pitman Grove.
" 6-14 Mt Grove.
" 15 – Wyoming.
" 28 [illegible]
" 17 Ocean Grove.

Independent of 5th July –
Philology of Africa

Tuesday nt at
5th 7 1/2 boat upper
slip at Market St
Mrs Ellis 1.